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MOFCOM Scholarship Programme in China – 2026

Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Programme – East China Normal University

The Government of the People's Republic of China has invited nominations from eligible government sector officials for the above-mentioned scholarship programme. Detailed information on the programme, together with the 2026 Enrolment Guide, including eligibility criteria, scholarship coverage, and application procedures, are annexed herewith and will also be made available on the Department of External Resources (ERD) website (www.erd.gov.lk).

This programme is designed to equip participants with functional expertise, strategic perspectives, and public policy management competencies required to operate effectively in a dynamic and evolving environment. It further provides an opportunity to gain valuable insights into both the achievements and challenges of China's policy-making processes, thereby enhancing participants' understanding of development practices.

Accordingly, you are kindly requested to circulate the programme details among the Departments, Divisions, and Institutes gazetted under your purview and to forward suitable nominations to the ERD. Nominations should be submitted in compliance with TA Circular No. 2013/2014(ii) dated 24 October 2013 of the Ministry of Finance and Planning, together with the following documents:

- Nomination Letter from the respective Ministry (covering letter with recommendation)
- Duly completed Application Form (computer fillable version), downloadable from www.erd.gov.lk
- Soft copy of the completed Application Form in Word format, with an inserted electronic passport-size photograph (to be emailed to info@erd.gov.lk)
- Physical Examination Form (downloadable from www.erd.gov.lk)
- Duly completed ERD Form (downloadable from www.erd.gov.lk)
- One coloured scanned copy of the passport (bio-data page), valid for at least six months from the commencement date of the programme
- All other documents specified in the application procedure outlined in the attached information document, and any other documents required under the respective university application process.

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Applicants are further required to submit their applications through the online application system of the respective university, in accordance with the relevant enrolment guidelines. In addition, applicants are requested to access the China Scholarship Council (CSC) online application portal (www.campuschina.org) and register under "Scholarship Application for Students." Applicants should carefully adhere to the application procedures stipulated in the 2026 Enrolment Guide.

Applicants are advised to ensure strict compliance with all eligibility criteria specified in the Enrolment Guide, including academic qualifications, age limits, and service requirements, where applicable.

It is also kindly requested that each nomination be duly certified and endorsed by the Head of the respective Department/Institution, confirming that the applicant meets all eligibility requirements and that the nomination is submitted with official concurrence.

Please ensure that complete applications are submitted to ERD on or before **4:00 p.m. on 12 May 2026**. Ministries are kindly requested to complete their internal screening and approval processes sufficiently in advance to facilitate timely submission. Only duly completed applications (items i–vii), received on or before the stipulated deadline, will be considered. Incomplete or non-compliant applications will not be processed.

Applications received by ERD will be forwarded to the Economic and Commercial Office of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Sri Lanka for the selection process. Shortlisted candidates will be informed in due course regarding the subsequent steps of the admission process.

For any clarifications relating to the application procedure, applicants may contact the Department of External Resources through the designated focal point of the Ministry/ institution.

Please note that, upon confirmation of selection, nominees are expected to honour their acceptance and refrain from withdrawal except under exceptional and unavoidable circumstances. As these opportunities are extended for the benefit of the country, withdrawals after selection may adversely affect Sri Lanka's standing and result in the loss of valuable training opportunities, while depriving other deserving officers. Accordingly, Ministries and applicants are kindly requested to ensure that nominations are submitted only with a firm and unconditional commitment to participate.

The Government of the People's Republic of China will provide a full scholarship covering the following expenses:

- Tuition fees
- Accommodation
- Round-trip international airfare
- Living allowance in China
- Medical insurance

The following expenses shall be borne by the applicant:

- Passport and visa fees

As the required information is to be submitted to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China within a limited timeframe, your kind cooperation in expediting the nomination process would be highly appreciated.



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1. 2026 Enrolment Guide, China Scholarship Council
2. Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Programme, East China Normal University Information Guide



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East China Normal University

2026 Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Program

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I. Program Description

1. Basic Information

1) Introduction

About the Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China for Developing Countries

The Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) for developing countries initiated in 2008 offers master's and doctoral programs for the purpose of educating high-end and inter-disciplinary talents working in the applied fields of government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture, health, energy, transportation and public administration, building intellectual capacity and facilitating the economic and social development of the recipient countries. These programs provide assistance to government officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel on their master's and doctoral education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, relevant working experiences, and decent physical conditions, essential for the high-compact curriculum needed for the degrees.

The program helps graduates undertake an increasingly significant role in the economic development cooperation between China and their home countries, highly valued by the government of the recipient countries.

About the Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy (M.Ed-ELP) Program at ECNU

East China Normal University (ECNU) is a leading research university in China, with distinguished programs in education.

Since Fall Semester of 2010, ECNU has started a one-year Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy (M.Ed-ELP) Program, approved by both the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Commerce, the People's Republic of China. This program is an important measure for East China Normal University to promote education internationalization, develop into a higher-level institution, and cultivate talents in the field of education from developing countries. It is an integral part of China's international education program based on equality and mutual benefit, and also a joint action of South-South and North-South cooperation on the realization of Education 2030 and sustainable national development.

It is featured by 1) originality. It is the first master program of a developing

country aiming to cultivate future education leaders in other developing countries that are in urgent need of education reform; 2) combining local practices with international norms. The curriculum and teaching evaluation, not only reflecting Chinese characteristics, but also boasting the strengths of the same major at world-famous universities, guarantee the international quality standard of the program; 3) combining teaching with applied research; 4) combining academic and practical teaching. Modular teaching, case studies and in-depth practice are regarded equally important; 5) International teaching team based on the teaching strength of ECNU and China.

2) Potential Candidates

- a) Government officers with head-of-division rank or above.
- b) Academic leaders of head-of-department level or above.
- c) Education administrative staff of equivalent levels.

3) Program Objectives

The Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China for developing countries is devoted to developing high-level, inter-disciplinary and applied talents in diversified fields of politics, trade and economy, foreign affairs, agriculture, science, education, culture, health, energy, transportation, public administration, etc.

In response to the requirements of education reform and development in developing countries, the M.Ed-ELP Program at ECNU addresses specifically the following targets:

- a) To cultivate education decision makers and researchers with solid educational expertise and critical analysis skills of education policies.
- b) To cultivate education leaders and administrators with abilities to conduct education research and apply practical skills to solve problems, and a high sense of responsibility to lead education reform to promote development in their home countries.
- c) To promote the implementation of development-oriented educational reforms in other developing countries and the establishment of globally equal and cooperative relationships through this Master program in educational leadership and policy.
- d) To promote the innovation of the education master's degree program for foreign students in Chinese universities, including studying educational leadership and policy issues from cross-cultural and diversified perspectives and finding out general questions and strategies for solving them during the development of education

in developing countries with the experience of education reform and development in China.

4) Enrollment Plan

The M.Ed-ELP Program at ECNU is an English Program in educational management with focus on educational leadership and policy. It enrolls a yearly number of 35 students who are to study full-time on campus for one year.

5) Financial Aid

- a) Students are exempted from paying for their study, textbooks and materials, school visits and investigations, lectures in English and thesis supervision.
- b) Free accommodation shall be provided.
- c) Living expenses is 36,000 RMB/person/year for master programs students and will be distributed each month based on the actual duration of students' stay in China.
- d) There is also a settlement allowance of 3,000 RMB/person.
- e) Comprehensive medical insurance is also provided.
- f) MOFCOM provides one round-trip international air tickets for 1-year program students.
- g) Other expenses are managed by MOFCOM or the university and will not be distributed to the students. MOFCOM only provides subsidies for students within the academic year. Students who cannot graduate on time will not enjoy further funding.

2. About ECNU

1) Brief Introduction of the University

Based in Shanghai, China, East China Normal University (ECNU) was founded in October 1951. It is one of the most prestigious universities in China sponsored by the national top university construction programs "Project 211" and "Project 985". In 2017, ECNU was chosen as one of the 36 Class A universities on the list of Double First Class University Plan released by the central government of China and hence started the new journey ever since. On December 28, 2017, 12 disciplines of ECNU were listed as tier A nationwide with Pedagogy and World History as A+, ranking 19 as a whole among all the universities in China during the fourth round of discipline evaluation carried out by China Academic Degrees & Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC).

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Teacher education has always been a distinctive strength of ECNU. Over decades it has cultivated crops of excellent teachers and educators for the country. ECNU offers doctoral programs in 36 of its first-level disciplines, master's programs in 37 first-level disciplines and 3 second-level disciplines. It is authorized to confer 36 professional master's degrees and 8 professional doctoral degrees. It boasts 27 postdoctoral mobile research stations and 62 bachelor's degree programs. It has 3 National "Double First Class" construction disciplines and 6 disciplines included in Shanghai Peak Disciplines Program.

In the field of science, ECNU is home to 2 State Key Labs, 1 National Engineering Research Center, 1 National Field Observation and Research Station, 1 State-level International Joint Research Center, and 35 provincial and ministerial key laboratories, engineering centers, field observation and research stations and other platform bases. ECNU is equally strong in liberal arts, with 6 Key Research Bases for Humanities and Social Sciences of the Ministry of Education, 1 Cultivating Lab in Philosophy and Social Sciences of the Ministry of Education, 3 National Research Institutes for Teaching Materials, 1 Research Base for Strengthening the Sense of Community of the Chinese Nation through Four Ministries and Commissions, and 52 provincial and ministerial level research centers, think tanks, and other platform bases.

ECNU boasts 10 Basic Disciplines Top-notch Training Program Bases (2.0), 2 State Experimental Teaching Demonstration Centers, 1 State VR Experimental Teaching Center, and 11 city-level experimental teaching demonstration zones. The university sponsors or supervises the publication of 23 Chinese academic journals and periodicals as well as 8 English-language academic journals. Its library collection tops 5.4840 million volumes, with 172 electronic document data bases comprising 502 sub-data bases. The university has set up an Education Group with 68 primary, secondary schools and kindergartens affiliated to the university.

By June 2025, among the total staff of over 4,200, there are more than 2,300 full-time faculty members, including 5 national academicians, over 2,100 professors and associate professors and more than 890 members of all sorts of national or municipal talent projects, many of whom enjoy high reputation in their respective academic circles. As for students, there are 15,800+ undergraduate students, 17,000+ master students, 4,000+ PhD students and 2,500+ international students (including non-degree students) on campus. ECNU has two main campuses located in Putuo and Minhang districts respectively, which overall has a total area of about 186 hectares.

The university follows closely diplomatic policies of the country by strengthening cooperation in related fields with other developing countries. ECNU began to undertake the Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy in 2010, part of the Academic Education Programs sponsored by MOFCOM for Developing Countries, as well as MOFCOM-sponsored training programs for educational administrators and senior teachers beginning from 2011. In April, 2014, ECNU, with

the International Center for Teacher Education (ICTE) as the degree program undertaker, is approved by the Ministry of Education as one of the 12 national undertakers of Foreign Assistance Master's degree programs. In December, 2014, approved again by both the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, the "China-ASEAN Centre for Education and Training, ECNU" was established within ICTE. Besides, the "China-ASEAN Centre for Education and Training, ECNU" has become a council member of the Alliance of China-ASEAN Education and Training Centers since 2015 and a standing council member since 2016. The vice president of ECNU in charge of foreign affairs is the vice chairman of the Alliance, and Peng Liping, the director of the International Center for Teacher Education, is the deputy secretary-general of the Alliance. In July 2019, the center was awarded the honorary titles of "2019 Excellent China-ASEAN Education and Training Center" and "2019 Most Influential Center" by the Alliance.

2) About the Program Host institute at ECNU

The International Center for Teacher Education (ICTE) at ECNU is an international institute with teacher education research and training, intended to provide professional support for the "UNESCO Chair in Teacher Education" set by UNESCO in this university. It carries out in-depth research in teacher education reform, teacher professional criteria, teacher professional development, etc.

In 2008 and 2009, in collaboration with International Institute of Capacity Building in Africa (IICBA) within UNESCO, ICTE organized high-end seminars for African teachers.

Since 2010, ICTE started undertaking the Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy, part of the Academic Education Programs sponsored by MOFCOM for Developing Countries, and has now offered the program up to 431 students from 71 countries, with 388 graduates and 36 candidates (seven students dropped out due to personal reasons). Simultaneously, since 2011, ICTE began to carry out 52 training programs for educational administrators and senior teachers also sponsored by MOFCOM which include two ministerial *Workshops on High-Quality Development of Basic Education for South Sudan*, one held abroad, *Seminar on Sustainable Development Management of Higher Education in Cuba*, and seven held online, and has so far offered seminars for 1662 participants from 88 countries.

Moreover, entrusted by the Chinese Embassy in South Africa and sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, ICTE undertook the Seminar on Education Policy and Management of Basic Education for South Africa in 2019, receiving 29 participants.

In 2015, ICTE began to recruit education master's students sponsored by other Chinese government scholarships with a total number of 21 to date. In 2024, ICTE

additionally recruited two self-funded master's students in education.

From 2016, the center started to implement “UNESCO-China (The Great Wall) Co-sponsored Fellowships program - ECNU Advanced Training Programme” commissioned by UNESCO Headquarters, supported by the Permanent Mission of China to UNESCO, the National Commission of China for UNESCO, the Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges of Ministry of Education of China, and the China Scholarship Council (CSC). So far, ICTE has conducted six GWF programs, enrolling 103 students from 21 African and Asian countries, 102 of whom have completed the programme.

On June 28, 2023, Dr. Tang Qian, former Assistant Director-General for Education of UNESCO, attended the commencement of ICTE and delivered a speech. He also presented honorary certificates to three outstanding master's graduates from ICTE.

3) Living and study on campus

Shanghai where the university is located has a humid subtropical climate and experiences four distinct seasons. Winters are chilly and damp, with northwesterly winds from Siberia which can cause nighttime temperatures to drop below freezing, although most years there are only one or two days of snowfall. Summers are hot and humid with some days over 40 °C (104 °F); occasional downpours or freak thunderstorms can be expected. The city is also susceptible to typhoons in summer and the beginning of autumn, none of which in recent years has caused considerable damage. The most pleasant seasons are spring, although changeable and often rainy, and autumn, which is generally sunny and dry. The city averages 4.2 °C (39.6 °F) in January and 34 °C (93.2 °F) in July. The price level in Shanghai is slightly higher, but the students' expenses in school are relatively low, and the full scholarship is enough to cover the living expenses.

The residential halls for international students are located on two campuses of ECNU. Students of this program are provided with free single room accommodation equipped with independent bathrooms, public kitchens and washing machines. Besides, an air-conditioner, a desk, a chair, a bed, and a wardrobe are also provided within each room.

Student activity centers and fields on campuses are open to international students.

3. Academic Arrangement

1) Courses

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The M.Ed-ELP program consists of two semesters of full-time academic work, with a minimum course requirement of 31 credits to complete the degree, including foundation courses, 9 credits; required courses, 12 credits; elective courses, no less than 6 credits; Practicum and Field Work, 4 credits.

Foundation Courses (9 credits in total)

Course Name	Course Description	Credits
Chinese as Foreign Language and a Overview of China Development	This is a course of Chinese as a second language. The learning tasks are mainly as following: a. Chinese phonetics b. frequently used Chinese sentence patterns (functionally-based); c. Simple Chinese characters; d. Typical aspects of China regarding economy, culture and society. The training is mainly targeted at oral language. Through this course, the students can learn dialogues as to greetings, self-introduction, shopping, etc., handle simple oral communication, and describe daily life of work and study with some simple language patterns.	3
Social Science Foundation of Education Policy and Leadership	This course will focus on issues related to the theories, arguments, ideas in organization of education, history of education, sociology of education, and economics of education. While social sciences as applied to education policy and leadership analysis is at the core of this course, it will be discussed in the context of education evolution, social and economic changes, and domestic and international education development dynamics, especially in the context of education practices of countries where the students are from.	3
Educational Research Methods	It will focus on the basic procedures and the logic of educational research by elaborating on both the qualitative and quantitative methods in terms of the connotations, common models and their respective applied scopes.	3

Required Courses (compulsory, 12 credits)

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Course Name	Course Description	Credits
Educational Policy and Educational Reform	The course aims to provide a research-based knowledge base of policy-making in education and its systemic change, critically examine educational policy debates, with a particular focus on key issues and emerging challenges in developing countries, highlight conflicting theories on standards-based, market-driven models of educational reform, and introduce and apply methods/approaches used in policy-making and policy analysis.	3
Education Supervision and Assessment	<p>This course aims to provide the learners with the theories, methods and practical strategies of educational supervision, evidence-based policy evaluation and results-oriented management, including how to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) understand and use decision-support information systems and tools for evidence-based policy and results-oriented management 2) analyse quality, inequality and equity issues in the provision of basic education 3) practice at national and school levels as to do supervision and assessment regarding policy and strategies implementation and effectiveness 4) formulate evidence-based policy and institutionalise results-oriented management at school and national levels. 	3
School Leadership and Management	This course will discuss about the frontier theory system of education leadership and management including the connotation and extension of leadership, western leadership theory, western school management, classroom culture, principal training, etc.	3
Application of ICT in Education	This course will explore theoretical and practical issues surrounding the integration of ICT in education. It will focus on discussing key topics	3

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	such as the role of ICT in educational equity, education management systems, the application of ICT including artificial intelligence and big data in education, and the development of teachers' ICT competencies.	
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Elective Courses (optional, no less than 6 credits)

Course Name	Course Description	Credits
Teacher Policy and Teacher Development	This course will explore the scholarly literature on teacher policy world-wide and practical experiences of teacher professional development in China. To connect the above two parts, this course intends to introduce students the way of policy development and implementation in teacher education from an analytic and comparative viewpoint based on country cases.	3
Educational Frontier Series: International Perspectives and Chinese Experiences	The Lectures are offered to broaden MEL students' vision and perspectives on major educational debates and emerging trends at regional /international levels, and thereby to improve their capacity of doing original research and making policy analysis of emerging challenges to educational development in their home countries.	3
Independent Study and Thesis Writing Guidance	This course will guide students through the process of writing their proposals and thesis/dissertations, following the guidelines/practices in the field of education with concentration on educational leadership and policy. The contents generally include introduction of thesis writing, organization of the thesis, composition of thesis proposal, developing research questions, writing abstracts, writing introduction part and literature review, data collection and analysis, writing up results and discussion.	3

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Educational Media and Technology	This course mainly involves the history and related concepts of education technology and media. A number of media technology tools, recent research development and other issues will be introduced. Through the systematic study of this course, students can use technical tools to teach and learn the relevant technologies and applications of educational technology and media, conduct case studies and project learning. They could have a deep understanding of related theories, and achieve the ability to fully apply in practices.	3
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Intensive Practicum and Field Work (4 credits)

Course Name	Course Description	Credits
Intensive Education Practicum and Field Work	This course aims to help students develop a solid understanding of Chinese education system and its policies from the cultural perspective. The course will provide the general politic and cultural background of Chinese education to the students through the tight one-year schedule. Meanwhile it will enable the students get access to multi-dimensional academic conferences or seminars to have students exposed to the international platform of knowledge sharing and policy dialogues. And also with the combination of exchanging ideas with international scholars and field study to local Chinese schools or education institutions, the students can utilize what they have learned to understand more about the Chinese education experiences. In addition, students can share the similarities and differences about education policy issues among their own settings and Chinese context.	4

The faculty is largely from the International Center for Teacher Education and other departments under the Faculty of Education of ECNU, and ICTE also invites senior professors and specialists from UNESCO and other internationally prestigious universities to give lectures and academic frontier series speeches. To date, we have collaborated with UNESCO, UNICEF, UNDP, Columbia University, Vanderbilt

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University, California State University in the USA, University College London, Manchester University, University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, Sheffield Hallam University in the UK, University of Toronto in Canada, Australian National University, Stockholm University in Sweden, University of Groningen in the Netherlands, Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Potsdam University in Germany, University of Turin in Italy, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, and New York University Shanghai. Domestic experts came from then National Center for Education Development Research(MOE), Hong Kong University, Beijing Normal University, China Executive Leadership Academy, Pudong, Tongji University, International Research and Training Centre for Rural Education (INRULED) of UNESCO, National Institute of Education Sciences, Gansu Institute of Educational Research, Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai Academy of Educational Sciences, District Board of Education in Shanghai, and Model High Schools in Shanghai.

2) Teaching Mode

The program lays great emphasis on both theory and practice by adopting a diversified mode consisting of lectures, group survey, class observation, simulation teaching, practicum and field study, etc. Opportunities are provided for the students to conduct field trips and teaching practicum in schools and educational administrative departments of different levels in urban and rural China. Supervisors are organized to guide the participants' thesis writing either through email, telephone or face to face discussion.

3) Semester Arrangement

Importance issues	Time
Registration	September 7 th , 2026
Winter Vacation	January 15 th , 2027
Graduation and Leaving	July 15 th , 2027

Note: The school calendar is subject to the admission documents of the university.

4) Master Thesis

Requirements for the Thesis Master's Degree

Students are expected to bring specific research questions concerning educational leadership and policy to the program, as a part of thesis research preparation. Towards the end of the first semester, related faculty members will be invited as potential thesis supervisors, and the ECNU International Center for Teacher Education will make arrangement for students to choose their supervisors. The thesis is expected to combine theoretical perspectives, analytical skills and practical experiences of educational leadership and policy, and aiming at solving practical problems. The thesis should be written in English with no less than 15,000 words. Students must pass oral defense for the thesis to obtain the degree.

Requirements for Thesis Oral Defense

The thesis oral defense panel shall consist of no less than 3 members who are experts with associate senior titles and above and are qualified for instructing master's students. If conditions permit, there should be an educational administrative leader or school principals with a senior title and proficiency in English among the reviewers and panel members.

5) Degree Requirements

Students complying with the ECNU student management regulations are required to successfully complete 31 credit-worth course work, a master's thesis, and thesis defense within the required time period. After meeting the above requirements and with the approval of the University Degree Committee, the Master's Degree of Education will be awarded.

II. Application

1. Requirements

1) Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens from developing countries, in good physical and mental health conditions. Normally, applicants are expected to be aged under 45 (applicants must be born after Sept.1st, 1981). Priority will be given to female applicants for this program.

2) Applicants shall be in good physical and mental health conditions, carrying no disease legally banned from entering China. Other serious chronic diseases, such as severe hypertension, cardiac-cerebral vascular disease, diabetes, cancer etc., mental disorder, or infectious disease which may have a serious impact on public health are also prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection. Those who are in a post-surgery recovery period or in an acute-disease-attacking period are not to be admitted. Those

who are in pregnancy are not allowed to come to China for training. Those who get pregnant during the study in China will be dropped out of school.

3) Applicants for the Master program must have attained a Bachelor degree or above, with at least 3 years of working experience.

4) Applicants should have related professional study or working background. Priority will be given to employed individuals.

5) Public officials in the government departments at the junior or senior level (or corresponding levels), senior directors of various institutions or enterprises, and key professional figures of the universities or research institutions.

6) Applicants must be proficient in English. Effective English Language Test Certificate (IELTS \geq 6.0, or TOEFL \geq 80, or Cambridge English C1 Advanced (CAE) \geq 169) or official proof of taking English-taught programs (details refer to the Language Proficiency Certificate) is required. Native English speakers do not need to submit the English Proficiency Certificate.

7) Applicants are equipped with a strong career development capacity and intend to promote the communication and cooperation between host countries and China.

8) Those who currently study in China or have been admitted to other Chinese Government Scholarship programs are not eligible to apply.

2. Procedures

1) Application to East China Normal University (ECNU)

Please visit the ECNU online application system (<http://lxsapply.ecnu.edu.cn/>), create an account and fill the Application Form online. After filling in all the required information, please print out the form, put on a hand-written name and date, and then post a photo on it.

Note: Please choose the application category of Master program and the study duration of 2026 Education Leadership Program (1 year).

Note: Please make sure that all the information you fill in the ECNU online application system is accurate, especially your name, passport and home address, otherwise it will affect your admission and visa.

Application Materials

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Documents		Requirements	Original copy	Photocopy
1	Application Form	1. Apply on ECNU online application system: http://lxapply.ecnu.edu.cn/ and submit a printed copy with signature and date.	1	1
2	Graduation Certificate & Degree Diploma	1. Graduation certificate and degree diploma must be original documents or notarized and translated version in Chinese or English.	1	1
3	Official Academic Transcripts	1. The transcripts must be original documents or notarized and translated version in Chinese or English. 2. The transcripts should include list of courses taken and standard achieved.	1	1
4	Personal Statement	Personal statement must be written in English and be some 1500 words. It shall cover such essential elements as applicant's academic background, work/research experience and achievements, research proposal, future career plans and intentions etc.	1	1
5	CV	CV of applicants must be written in English including personal info and the education background and work experience after high school.	1	1
6	Reference Letters	1. The referrers can be professors or government officers from central or local government authorities. Issue date should be later than September 1st, 2025. 2. The reference letter must be original documents in Chinese or English. Reference letter MUST include: title of the referrer, place of work, contact phone number, email address and referrer's signature.	2	2
7	English Language Proficiency Test Results	Applicants who are non-native English speakers should provide: 1. English Language Test	1	1

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		<p>IELTS \geq 6.0, or TOEFL \geq 80, or Cambridge English C1 Advanced (CAE) \geq 169</p> <p>2. Proof of Taking English-taught Program</p> <p>① Bachelor or Higher Degree is taught in English and test language is English as well.</p> <p>② Official proof with official institution letterhead should be issued by the university, such as registration office or graduate school, instead of department of the university or supervisors.</p>		
8	Photocopy of Valid Passport	<p>The passport type must be ordinary. Your passport name and number must be seen clearly on the photocopy. Diplomatic passport or Official passport is not acceptable.</p> <p>Important: All successful candidates should enter in China and register at ECNU with the same identity they used while applying for the masters' program at ECNU.</p>	0	1
9	Photocopy of Physical Examination Form	<p>The health form shall be issued within one month before the submission of application. The form can be obtained from Chinese Embassy in your country. And the examination must be done in a hospital assigned by Chinese Embassy. The medical examinations must cover all the items listed in the Foreigner Physical Examination Form to prove the applicants carrying no disease legally banned from entering China.</p>	1	1
10	Non-criminal Certificate	<p>Certificate must be original document or notarized and translated version in English or Chinese.</p>	1	1
11	Recent Passport Size Photos	<p>2 bare head photos with white background taken in 3 months attached to the application forms.</p>	1	0

2) Submission

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a) Applicants should apply the scholarship once they receive the acceptance and recommendation from the relevant dispatching authorities. Then follow the instructions listed by the dispatching authorities of your home country to submit the required documents.

b) For those applicants who receive the acceptance from local government to submit the documents to the Chinese Embassy by themselves, they should hand in the recommendation letter or other certificates showing the acceptance from local government, and submit all the application materials listed in the above table in both hard copy and scanned copy to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of Chinese Embassy.

c) The dispatching authorities of the home country should request the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office to offer recommendation letter for the recommended applicants. Within this written document, it should be clearly stated that if the program is full whether the applicant is willing to be considered for a similar program at other universities. Other special requests should also be listed.

Reminders:

a) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.

b) An original copy of degrees, transcripts and language certificates must be presented to the Commercial Counselor's Office of Chinese Embassy for verification.

c) Applicants will get back all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and photocopies from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office. If admitted, they must take the documents to China and submit them to ECNU during registration in early September.

3. Deadline

All of the application materials must be scanned and be received before **June 6, 2026**, otherwise they will not be considered.

III. Registration

Registration will take place in early September 2026. The exact date will be specified in the admission letter.

IV. Contact

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V. Important Notes

1. All application materials will not be returned no matter the application is admitted or not.
2. There will be no explanation given to any applicant no matter the application is admitted or not.
3. It is not allowed to bring spouses or children to China for accompanying study, and the scholarship does not provide various expenses for spouses or children to visit China.
4. Instructions for applicants who are admitted to ECNU will be explained in the admission letter and documents.



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MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program 2026 Enrollment Guide

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MOFCOM SCHOLARSHIP-CSC Program (2026 Enrollment Guide)

Part one: Program Introduction

I Brief Introduction

Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China is designed to foster high-end business officials and managerial personnel for the recipient countries, offering master programs and doctoral programs for the purpose of educating high-end and inter-disciplinary talent working in the applied fields of government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture and health, building intellectual capacity and facilitating the economic and social development of the recipient countries. These programs provide assistance to governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel on their master and doctor education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree or master degree, relevant working experiences, and decent physical conditions, essential for the high-compact curriculum needed for the degrees. The programs are playing a more and more important role in stimulating economic cooperation between China and students' home countries, which the host governments are attaching great attention to this program.

MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program is set up by Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China to further strengthen the communication and cooperation between China and other countries as well as to develop talents for developing countries. Starting from 2015, MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program mainly sponsors the young and the middle-aged talents from recipient countries to pursue their postgraduate degree education in China. China Scholarship Council is entrusted to administer the Scholarship.

II Supporting categories

MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program supports Master program and PhD program.

III Educational purpose

To cultivate high-level, versatile and application-oriented talents in the fields of politics, economy and trade, diplomacy, agriculture, science, education, culture and health, energy and transportation, and public administration.

IV Enrollment Plan

Designated universities and majors of this program is included in the attachment. Length of scholarship will be settled when admission is completed, which accords to the enrolled length of schooling, which shall be 2 or 3 years for Master Recipients and 3 or 4 year for PHD Recipients. Scholarship recipients must register for English-taught program.

V Scholarship Coverage

1. Students are exempt from tuition fee, teaching material fee, research and survey fee, allowance of English-taught program, dissertation guidance fee;

2. Free on-campus accommodation;
3. Monthly stipend:
 - 36000RMB per year per master student,
 - 42000RMB per year per PhD student;

※ *Stipends will be distributed to the students by the universities on a monthly basis according to the students' actual time spent in China.*
4. One-off resettlement fee: 3000RMB per person;
5. Free medical insurance for international students;
6. One-time round-trip international airfare for all the students (First time fly to China after enrollment, and Fly back to home country while graduation), and a maximum of “n-1” (“n” is for the length of schooling year which is set while the student was enrolled by the program) round-trip international airfares for home visits (one time per year set at the end of an academic year);
7. The annual review is compulsory for all students. Those who pass the review may continue to enjoy full scholarships in the next year.
8. Other expenses shall be managed and used by the Ministry of Commerce or the universities as a whole, and shall not be distributed to students. The Ministry of Commerce only provides students with financial support within their enrolled length of schooling. Students who postpone their graduation will not receive the continuing sponsorship.

Part Two: How to Apply

I Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be a citizen of a developing country other than the People’s Republic of China, and under the age of 45 (born after September 1, 1981);
- be healthy physically and mentally with a physical examination report issued by a local public hospital, and not having any disease or situation listed below:
 - a) Diseases prohibited by Chinese Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations
 - b) Other severe chronic diseases like high blood pressure, cardio-cerebrovascular disease, diabetes; psychological diseases; or other infectious diseases which may harm public health
 - c) In recovery period after major surgery or acute disease attacks
 - d) Severe physically challenged
 - e) Pregnancy (Students who become pregnant while studying in China will be expelled)
- with at least three years’ working experience, and be a bachelor’s degree holder when applying for master’s program; be a master’s degree holder when applying for doctoral program;
- be incumbents with a relevant educational background or working experience to the applied program are preferred;

- be public officials of division level and above (or corresponding level) in government sectors, or senior management staff of organizations and enterprises, or academic backbones of universities and research institutions;
- be sufficient in English which meets the academic requirements of the program, be equivalent to IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 80 and above level;
- be with the potential of professional development, and is committed to promoting the friendly exchanges and cooperation between the host country and China;
- be neither studying in China nor being admitted to other scholarship programs provided by Chinese government.

II Application Procedures

The Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office (ECCO) of the Chinese Embassy in your country will be open for application **until 6th June 2026.**

Application Online and Documents List

1. Application Form for MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program;
Ensure you have both submitted it online (visit www.campuschina.org, click "Scholarship Application for Students") and printed the hard copy. For more application instructions, please check Attachment I;
2. Photocopy of highest diploma;
3. Photocopy of academic transcripts;
4. A Study Plan or Research Proposal, plus a resume including the educational background and working experience after high school;
5. Two recommendation letters, including one from current employer and one from academic perspective;
6. Photocopy of the Foreigner Physical Examination Form;
7. Photocopy of the English proficiency certificate;
8. Photocopy of a valid passport;
9. Non-criminal Record Report. The applicant shall submit a valid certificate of Non-Criminal Record issued by the local public security authority, usually issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application.

Submission Offline

1. The applicants shall obtain the approval and recommendation from the relevant department of host country before applying for this scholarship. Afterwards, the applicants could submit application according to the requirements of above department.
2. For the applicants whose host government allows them to submit the application directly to the Embassy of China, please obtain the permission or recommendation letter from the host government which states that the applicant has been approved to study in China, and submit the original documents of the letter and other above mentioned application documents to the ECCO of Chinese Embassy in the host country. The scanned electronic edition of the documents is needed as well. For

emails and addresses of the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Offices, please visit <http://www.mofcom.gov.cn/>.

2. The responsible department of the host government shall submit a written request to the ECCO of Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter and clearly state:

- a) Whether the applicant is willing to be considered for a similar program at other universities if the applied programs could not accept the applicant.
- b) Other special requests if any.

Reminders:

- a) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.
- b) An original copy of degrees, transcripts, Foreigner Physical Examination Form and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification.
- c) Applicants will get back all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and photocopies from the ECCO of Chinese Embassy. If admitted, students must take the documents to China and submit them to the university for verification and archive.
- d) Bringing spouse or other dependent for accompanying is not allowed during the students' study in China. The scholarship will not provide any related cost;
- e) No explanation will be given on the enrollment result.
- f) Applications without the recommendation from the ECCO of Chinese Embassy will not be considered.

Part Three: Placement

Each applicant can choose maximally three preferred universities out of the 26 designated universities. CSC will place each applicant in one university only on the basis of their choices and universities' requirements.

Part Four: Admission & Registration

Scholarship winners will receive the admission package from ECCO of the Chinese Embassy after the enrollment result is confirmed, and must register at the host university before the deadline which is usually September, 2026. Regarding the registration and course arrangement for enrolled candidates, please keep in touch with the host universities and closely follow their relevant notices.

Attachment 1.

Instructions of the CSC Online Application System for MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC program

Please carefully read the instructions before applying for the scholarship.

Step 1: Visit “CSC Study in China” website and click “Scholarship Application for Students” at <http://www.campuschina.org>

Register an account through [CREATE AN ACCOUNT] and login with your account.

Step 2: Input Personal Details. Click “Edit Personal Details” and finish inputting personal details by filling in all the information, verifying and saving the information. After the completion of this section, return to the previous page by clicking “Finish” and start filling in your application information.

Step 3: Select the correct “Program Category”.

Please select Program Category “Type A”. **(Only for applicants of MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program)**

Step 4: Input the correct Agency Number.

Your Agency Number is: 00010. **(Only for applicants of MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program)**

Program Category and **Agency Number** are directly matched, both are mandatory for online application. Scholarship receiving authorities (or application processing authorities) will inform the program category and agency number to candidates who are qualified for applying.

After inputting agency number, the matched agency name will automatically show on the page. As **Program Category** and **Agency Number** are directly matched, application processing authorities will not receive your online application if the program category or agency number are not correct.

Step 5: Input Application Information

Next, please move on to the section of “Language Proficiency and Study Plan” and upload “Supporting Documents” as requested, then click “Submit” to complete the application. Check each part of your application carefully before submission. Please make sure that all the information and uploaded documents are valid and accurate.

When applicants of “Type A” application choose the “Preferences of Institutes”, system will automatically match the available universities according to the selected

“Student Category, Preferred teaching language”. With any inquiry concerning the available majors of each university, please visit the following website.
<http://www.campuschina.org/universities/index.html>

“Catalog of Discipline Field, First-level Discipline, Specialty” is available from the “Help”, applicants could download the file to identify the relation between Discipline and Major.

Step 6: Once submitted, amendment cannot be made on “Personal Details” and “Application Information”. Before the application being processed by the processing authorities, applicant can revoke the submitted application by clicking “Withdraw” and edit the application. After revoking the application, applicant must submit at second time after re-editing, or the application will not be processed. Once the application is processed, application cannot be revoked.

Step 7: Click” Print the Application Form” and download the form.

Step 8: Submit scholarship application under the requirements of the dispatching authorities (or application processing agency)

China Scholarship Council never entrust any individual or intermediary agent to process Chinese government scholarship applications. Kindly remind that all applicants to directly submit your scholarship applications through official dispatching authorities, avoiding being deceived. The website below is the only official website that China Scholarship Council publishing Study in China information, please do not trust information from any other portals or sources.

<http://www.campuschina.org/>

Notes:

Application with incorrect **Agency Number** will not be processed.

Please use Firefox or Internet Explorer (11.0).

For applicants using Internet Explorer, please close the “compatible view mode” function ahead of editing.

Please fill in all application information in Chinese or English.

Attachment 2.

The 26 Designated Universities

1	Peking University	14	East China Normal University
2	Tsinghua University	15	Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
3	Renmin University of China	16	Nanjing University
4	Beijing Normal University	17	Zhejiang University
5	Beijing Jiaotong University	18	Xiamen University
6	University of International Business and Economics	19	Shandong University
7	Beihang University	20	Wuhan University
8	Nankai University	21	Huazhong University of Science and Technology
9	Tianjin University	22	Wuhan University of Technology
10	Jilin University	23	Sun Yat-sen University
11	Fudan University	24	Southwest Jiaotong University
12	Shanghai Jiaotong University	25	Xi'an Jiaotong University
13	Tongji University	26	Harbin Institute of Technology