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**Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health**

**China Scholarship Council-The University of Manchester (CSC-UoM)**

**Joint Scholarship Programme**

**Call for PhD Projects and Candidates 2024/25**

The University has an institutional agreement with the China Scholarship Council to support outstanding Chinese postgraduate researchers via the Manchester Joint Scholarship Programme. There are 6 studentships for entry in September 2024, which are jointly funded through the CSC and the FBMH Doctoral Academy. Nominations are now being accepted.

**Funding**

The 3-year scholarship will cover tuition fees at the international rate at either Band 1 (£3,500 p.a. project costs) or Band 2 (£9,000 p.a. project costs). Any additional costs that arise during the project will need to be covered by the supervisor.

**Process and timeframe**

If Primary Supervisors are not already in contact with a suitable candidate, they are encouraged to advertise a [self-funded project](https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/bmh/research/doctoral-academy/recruitment-and-admissions/self-funded-project-adverts/) to attract potential candidates. The programme requires the Primary Supervisor to put forward student for consideration. Before submitting a nomination form the chosen candidate MUST be in receipt of an unconditional offer for a PhD in the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health; this will ensure they meet all the standard entry requirements and have been interviewed by the Supervisory team/PGR Tutor. Supervisors will be required to complete the Project Approval Form as part of the usual application process and will be sent this form once an application is submitted and shared via Sharepoint.

Nominations will be reviewed by School PGR Committees (PGRC) and each will nominate their top two candidates plus one reserve. The scheme will be overseen by the Director for International Recruitment (Forbes Manson).

In order to support the Faculty’s strategic partners in China, nominations from Peking University Health Science Center and Xiangya School of Medicine, Central South University are strongly encouraged.

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| Deadline for candidate online PhD applications | Monday 15 January 2024 |
| Deadline student nomination form by Supervisor | 5pm, Friday 16 February 2024 |
| Deadline for School PGRCs to review nomination forms and select candidates | Monday 4 March 2024 |
| Chosen candidates are then directed to apply to CSC for final stage of selection | 10-31 March 2024 |

**Criteria**

Project proposals will be reviewed to ensure that the Primary Supervisor:

* meets the eligibility criteria as set out in section 3 of the [Supervision Policy](http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/services/rbess/graduate/code/supervision/)
* can provide a vibrant research environment
* has evidence of significant publications
* has demonstrated effective eProg engagement;
* currently holds an externally-funded studentship awarded in open competition (e.g. from charitable/industrial sources) ***or*** is actively seeking external/self-funded students via self-funded project advert(s)
* has overall responsibility for leading on the project

Supervisory Team Funding

* At least one member of the supervisory team has active research grant support. All members of the supervisory team must have relevant expertise and details of their contribution to the project must be included on the application form. All supervisors are expected to hold a minimum 20% share of the supervisory load.
* PGR Directors may consult the relevant Head of Division regarding the suitability of supervisory teams if required.

The student must meet the following criteria to be considered suitable for the Joint Scholarship Programme. They must:

* be citizens and permanent residents of the People’s Republic of China at the time of application;
  + overseas Chinese students may be eligible for application subject to CSC policy at the time (CSC publicises the policy in October or November every year)
* return to China upon completion of their research;
* hold an Upper Second Class UK honours undergraduate degree (or international equivalent) from a reputable institution;
* hold an unconditional PhD offer letter from The University of Manchester;
* ideally, hold a Master’s-level qualification at merit or distinction (or international equivalent);
* have a track record of engaging with research. This may include contributions to publications/articles, promoting their research to a wider audience, prizes for research or project work;
* satisfy the CSC [selection criteria](http://www.csc.edu.cn/chuguo).

**Student quality and shortlisting**

The expectation is that only the very best quality students of the highest calibre who show leadership potential and demonstrate academic excellence are nominated.

More information about the CSC-UoM Programme can be found at

<https://www.bmh.manchester.ac.uk/study/research/financial-support/csc-scholarship/>

Primary Supervisors should complete the attached nomination form and return this to the FBMH Doctoral Academy Office ([fbmh.doctoralacademy.admissions@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:fbmh.doctoralacademy.admissions@manchester.ac.uk)) with ‘CSC-UoM Programme Nomination Form’ in the subject line. The deadline for submission is 5pm **16 February 2024**.

All queries should be directed to [fbmh.doctoralacademy.admissions@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:fbmh.doctoralacademy.admissions@manchester.ac.uk)