

**Faculty of Humanities**

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

**Joint Scholarship Programme 2025/26**

The Faculty of Humanities will support six China Scholarship Council-The University of Manchester Joint Scholarships for PhD commencing September 2025.

The scholarships include tuition fees funded by the schools and living allowance funded by the China Scholarship Council. China Scholarship Council will also provide round-trip international airfare from China to the UK and visa and passport application fees.

**Criteria**

To be considered suitable for the joint scholarship, candidates must be a citizen 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.

Candidates must also:

* return to China upon completion of their studies/research;
* meet the minimum academic requirements for their preferred PhD [programme](https://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/programmes/)[;](https://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/programmes/)
* hold an unconditional offer letter from The University of Manchester, including meeting the English language requirements;
* Demonstrate a history of research engagement, which may include contributions to publications/articles, promoting their research to a wider audience, prizes for research or project work;
* satisfy [CSC's selection criteria](https://www.csc.edu.cn/chuguo).
* Current first-year PGRs are eligible to apply for the "general" CSC scholarship scheme, not for the “joint” scheme. Such candidates should contact CSC directly should they wish to apply for the “general” scheme.

**Process**

1. Candidates apply directly for admission to The University of Manchester by **13 January 2025**. Candidates should specify in their application that they wish to apply for The University of Manchester/CSC Joint Scholarship Scheme.
2. Formal Offer to be issued and a Supervisor Nomination form submitted to the Doctoral Academy Admissions Team by **14 February 2025**.
3. Departments to review the nomination forms and rank candidates. The ranking is to be returned to the Doctoral Academy Admissions Team by **21 February 2025**.
4. School PGR Directors to review the department nominees and submit their top 3 ranked nominations by **28 February 2025**.
5. Faculty panel consisting of Associate Dean PGR and China specialists to review all nominations in the Faculty and rank nominations based on the following criteria:

* Academic track record (priority given to graduates from top Chinese institutions)
* Quality of research proposal
* Supervisor research profile (priority given to those published in high-impact journals in the last 5 years)

1. Faculty submits nominations in ranked order to the International Office by **7 March 2025.**
2. The University of Manchester, via the International Office, provides a full list of nominees to CSC by **8 March 2025.**
3. Candidates are to submit applications to CSC at <http://apply.csc.edu.cn> after they have been nominated by the University of Manchester between **10-31** **March 2025.**
4. CSC will evaluate the candidates according to CSC requirements and priorities, provide The University of Manchester with a final list of scholarship recipients, and inform the successful candidates in **June 2025.**

**Timetable**

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| **Action** | **Deadline** |
| Deadline for applicants to submit UoM application | 13 January 2025 |
| Formal Offer to be issued and a Supervisor Nomination form submitted to the Doctoral Academy Admissions Team | 14 February 2025 |
| Departments to send their nominations to the Doctoral Academy Admissions Team | 21 February 2025 |
| Schools to send nominations to Faculty | 28 February 2025 |
| Faculty panel to consider and rank nominations | w/c 1 March 2025 |
| Candidates and Supervisors informed of the outcome of their nomination | By 7 March 2025 |
| Faculty to confirm nominations to International Office | By 7 March 2025 |
| International Office to submit candidates' details to CSC | 8 March 2025 |
| Faculty-nominated candidates are to apply at [http://apply.csc.edu.cn](http://apply.csc.edu.cn/) | 10-31 March 2025 |
| CSC decision and announcement | June 2025 |

**Further information**

* Additional information for prospective candidates can be accessed via the China country-specific information from the university website [Scholarships | Information for students from China (mainland) | The University of Manchester](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/country-specific-information/china-mainland/scholarships/#country-profile)
* Successful candidates that are **already on a CSC-funded master's degree,** do not need to return to China to sign the CSC agreement. Otherwise, candidates should return to China to sign the agreement.
* The successful candidates will be responsible for arranging their visa and The University of Manchester will not be responsible or liable in any way for any successful candidate’s failure to obtain a visa or other requisite paperwork for entry and study at The University of Manchester.