

China Scholarship Council-The University of Manchester Joint Scholarship Programme for PhD study 2025-26

[Latest closing date for PhD applications to The University of Manchester: Monday 12 January 2026](#)

The University of Manchester is pleased to continue the formal partnership with the China Scholarship Council to develop high calibre research collaborations between UK and Chinese universities and research institutions, now with more funding available to students. We have **52 Joint Scholarships** available, across the University.

Up to 52 scholarships will be supported per academic year, as follows for each Faculty.

- Up to 40 PhD tuition-fee waivers for subjects within the [Faculty of Science and Engineering](#)
- 6 PhD tuition-fee waivers for subjects within the [Faculty of Humanities](#)
- 6 PhD tuition-fee waivers for subjects within the [Faculty of Biology Medicine and Health](#)

Benefits

- For successful applicants, The University of Manchester will cover their full tuition fees for the period of the relevant programme as outlined in the offer letter (usually three years). CSC will provide living allowances as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government, and will cover the round-trip international airfare for students from China to the United Kingdom, visa and passport application fees.
- The funding for each awardee will be up to 48 months *[Standard offer is normally 3 years – 36 months, but if the institution makes it clear in the offer that a student requires 3+1 year to finish their study, CSC can offer 48 months allowances]*
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Please note:

The successful applicants will be responsible for arranging their Visa's in to the Country and The University of Manchester will not be responsible or liable in any way for any successful

applicant's failure to obtain a visa or other requisite paperwork for entry and study in Manchester.

Eligibility criteria

To be considered for the joint scholarship programme, you must be a citizen and permanent resident 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 by early November, each year).

You must also:

- Return to China upon completion of your studies and/or research;
- Hold an Upper Second class UK honours undergraduate degree (or international equivalent) from a leading Chinese university;
- Hold an unconditional offer letter from The University of Manchester; They must therefore fulfil the relevant academic entry requirements set by UoM, including a high level of English language proficiency, as outlined on the University's website:
- www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/country-specific-information/china-mainland.htm
- Ideally hold a Master's-level qualification at merit or distinction (or international equivalent);
- Recommended: A track record of engaging with research, which may include contributions to publications/articles, promoting your research to a wider audience, prizes for research or project work;
- Candidates should satisfy the selection criteria set out by CSC: [CSC's selection criteria](#).

Application and selection process

- (1) Candidates should apply directly for admission to The University of Manchester by the stated deadline of 12 January 2026. Candidates should specify in their application that they wish to apply for **The University of Manchester - CSC joint scholarship scheme**. *(Please note, this may be earlier in some of the Faculties and it is important to check the deadline for the specific PhD Programme you are applying for).*
- (2) The University of Manchester will evaluate the candidates, upon receiving applications and rank them in priority order. The University of Manchester will provide CSC and each qualified candidate with a copy of the offer letter.

- (3) After receiving the academic offer from The University of Manchester, candidates must then apply to CSC by completing an application for funding and employer reference (Application form will be online at: [申报指南-欢迎访问国家留学网!\(csc.edu.cn\)](http://csc.edu.cn) by the set deadline confirmed by CSC.

Please see the above website for the dates of when the CSC application portal will open and close. This is usually in March.

- (4) CSC will evaluate the candidates according to CSC requirements and priorities, and provide The University of Manchester with a final list of scholarship recipients and inform the successful candidates.

Applying for Admission to The University of Manchester

1) Application Procedure:

To apply for a postgraduate research programme, you will need to complete and submit our online [application form](#).

Please be aware that the things you need to do before you submit your formal application may vary according to the programme you are applying for. You can find specific guidance for each subject area on the relevant [programme profile](#).

- 2) You can apply online at www.manchester.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/admissions/how-to-apply/

Please read the Application Checklist carefully, as well as guidance on all supporting documentation needed for your application to The University of Manchester.

Application checklist:

- Make a note of the application deadline, if there is one. We generally advise you to apply as early as possible.
- Choose and make contact with your [potential supervisor](#)
- Make sure you have evidence of prior academic qualifications to hand – these will be certificates or transcripts to show that you meet, or expect to meet the entry requirements.
- Provide evidence of English language ability, if English is not your first language. Please note that some English language test results are only valid for two years. Your English language test report must be valid on the start date of your programme.
- Obtain two references – [download our referee report form](#) (PDF document, 50 KB)
- [Prepare a research proposal](#)/piece of academic writing, if required. This will be specified on the relevant academic School website.
- Make a copy of your passport, if you will need a visa to study in the UK.

- Prepare a personal statement/statement of purpose, if required. This will be specified on the relevant academic School website.
- Prepare your CV

Application:

Follow the link below to begin the PGR application process:

[How to apply for postgraduate research at The University of Manchester](#)

3) Further Information:

CSC and UoM will support the following areas of study subject to the number of scholarships outlined with priority:

Up to 40 PhD tuition-fee waivers available for the Faculty of Science and Engineering, comprising programmes within the Departments of:

Chemistry; Chemical Engineering and Analytical Science; Computer Science; Earth, Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences; Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Materials; Mathematics; Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering; Physics and Astronomy.

6 PhD tuition-fee waivers available for the Faculty of Humanities comprising programmes within the Schools of:

Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS); Social Sciences; Environment, Education and Development and Arts Languages and Cultures.

6 PhD tuition-fee waivers for subjects within the Faculty of Biology Medicine and Health, comprising programmes within the Schools of:

Biological Sciences, Health Sciences and Medical Sciences.

Please note:

Candidates should be intending to pursue study/research in one of the priority academic areas identified by The University of Manchester and CSC. However, applicants to other study/research areas will also be considered subject to the availability of relevant programmes of study at The University of Manchester.

The University of Manchester central contact for questions regarding the scholarship programme is:

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