

Selection Method for 2017 National Graduate Student Project on Government Sponsorship for Establishment of High Level Universities

Chapter One: General Principles

1. This method is formulated for Selection of National Graduate Student Projects on Government Sponsorship for Establishment of High Level Universities.
2. The implementation of Selection of National Graduate Student Project on Government Sponsorship for Establishment of High Level Universities should aim to serve the strategy of reinvigorating China through human resource development, promote establishment of high level universities and strengthen its ability in serving the establishment of an innovative country. We will adhere to the principle of “openness, equity and fairness” and accords with the requirements of selection of first-rate students, sending them to first-rate foreign institutions, scientific research institutions, subjects or professions and learning after first-rate supervisors.
3. China Scholarship Council (herein referred to as CSC) is in charge of organization and operation of this project.

Chapter Two: Selection Plans

4. In 2017, we plan to select 9500 personnel for overseas studies, including 3000 candidates for doctoral degree and 6500 candidates for joint training doctoral degree.
5. Selection of candidates for doctoral degree is open to personnel both at home and overseas. See nationalities of continued selection implementation for overseas studies personnel in 2017 in the appendix. Selection of candidates for joint training doctoral degree is open to institutions that grant doctoral degree at home. CSC will confirm selection plans for various institutions via guiding plans.
6. Duration of overseas studies for candidates for doctoral degree: generally 36-48 months. The specific duration is subject to educational systems of planned overseas studies institutions or institutions. Principally, subsidy duration will be less than 48 months. Duration of overseas studies and subsidies for candidates for joint training doctoral degree: 6-24 months.
7. Profession for selection are mainly key economic and social development areas confirmed in National Program for Medium and Long-term Talent Development (2010-2020), key areas, significant special projects, cutting-edge technologies and

basic research confirmed in National Program for Medium and Long-term Science and Technology Development (2006-2020) as well as areas needed by other national strategies and important industries development.

8. We mainly support personnel to leave for renowned institutions, scientific research institutions, laboratories and other institutions on education and science and technology advanced countries and areas for overseas studies. Personnel can be dispatched by selection institutions or they can contact overseas studies institutions; Personnel can also be dispatched via cooperative scholarship between CSC and foreign educational and scientific research institutions. We mainly support joint training doctoral candidates to study overseas via existing cooperative projects/ agreement between supervisors at home and overseas.

9. CSC provides overseas studies personnel with one-off international round trip travelling expenses and scholarship during the subsidy term (containing board wages, lodging fees, registration charges, transportation fees, telephone bills, books and document fees, medical care premium, entertainment expense, one-off settlement allowance, visa-prolonging fees, petty cash and academic activity subsidies). Scholarship subsidy standard and method are executed according to relative national regulations. CSC will provide tuition subsidies for candidates for doctoral degrees who engage in subject areas, people-to-people and social science application areas needed by the country in first-rate professions in the first-rate foreign institutions. Execution is subject to Subsidy Method for National Graduate Student Project on Government Sponsorship for Establishment of High Level Universities (trial implementation).

Chapter Three: Application Conditions

10. In line with the application conditions of applicants in General Selection Regulations of 2017 CSC Funded Overseas Studies.

11. Personnel Selection targets

11.1 Candidates applying for doctoral degree:

11.1.1 Outstanding master degree candidates (including new graduates) and new graduates in colleges, universities or scientific research institutions at home. Relative institutions can recommend first year doctoral degree candidates according to practical conditions of the institutions. Master and doctoral degree candidates should have scientific research abilities and achievements and fresh graduates should reach the standard of becoming master degree candidates without taking the exams. Personnel should have acquired letters of admission (or official letters of invitation issued by foreign supervisors) to doctoral degree candidates or MD-PhD (only for

fresh graduates) issued by planned overseas studies institutions and certification of tuition-free or tuition subsidies.

11.1.2 Official employees at home enterprises, public institutions, administrative organizations and scientific research institutions. Personnel should have master degrees and have remarkable achievements on their posts and good scientific research abilities. Personnel should have acquired letters of admission (or official letters of invitation issued by foreign supervisors) to doctoral degree candidates issued by planned overseas studies institutions and certification of tuition-free or tuition subsidies.

11.1.3 Fresh master degree graduates officially registered in foreign institutions or scientific research institutions on government sponsorship at their own expense (including master degree graduates whose graduation term are less than one year) and first year doctoral degree candidates on their own expense. Personnel should have acquired letters of admission (or official letters of invitation issued by foreign supervisors) to doctoral degree candidates and certification of tuition-free or tuition subsidies. First year doctoral degree candidates should provide registration certificates from attending institutions and certification of tuition-free or tuition subsidies. For first year doctoral degree candidates overseas, their overseas studies term and subsidy term are counted the second year of their doctoral career after enrollment.

Selection personnel will not include those who have acquired doctoral degrees.

11.2 Personnel applying for joint training doctoral degree candidates:

Outstanding full-time doctoral degree candidates in colleges, universities or scientific research institutions at home. Personnel should have acquired official letters of invitation issued by planned overseas studies institutions or foreign supervisors and joint training plans formulated by supervisors from home and overseas.

12. Personnel should have Chinese nationalities, support the country of socialism and have good political qualities. They should not have records of violation of laws or discipline. They should have the entrepreneurship spirits and responsibilities to serve the establishment of the country after their overseas studies.

13. Personnel should be in physical and mental health and have solid professional basis, strong abilities in study, scientific research and communication, good comprehensive qualities, outstanding academic records, remarkable work performances and good development potential.

14. Applicants: age under 35 years old (born after March 20, 1981).

15. Applicants' language level should accord with one of the conditions below:

15.1 Applicants should graduate from foreign language majors in institutions above undergraduate level (including undergraduate level) (their foreign language majors should accord with languages used in the overseas studies destination countries).

15.2 Applicants should have studied overseas for one year (8-12 months) or continuously worked for more than one year (including one year) in the same language countries in the recent ten years.

15.3 Applicants should have participated in WSK and reached the criterion of acceptability.

15.4 Applicants should have participated IELTS (academic class), TOEFL, NTD, TNF, CILS, DELE, NNS and TOPIK and reached the criterion of acceptability; 6.5 points for IELTS, 95 points for TOEFL, B2 level for NTD, TNF, CILS and DELE according to CECRL, N2 for NNS and TOPIK4 for TOPIK.

15.5 Applicants should have participated in relative language training in overseas studies training department designated by the Ministry of Education and received the course-completion certificates (advanced course for English and intermediate course for other languages).

15.6 Applicants should have passed interviews or examinations held by planned overseas studies institutions and reached the language requirements. This should be indicated or particularly certified in the foreign letters of admission (or official letters of invitation).

16. Applicants who plan to leave for Germany, French, Russian, Japanese, Italian and Spanish speaking countries should also accord with the conditions below before dispatch once they are enrolled:

16.1 English as working language: Personnel should reach the criterion of acceptability in English, participate in overseas studies language training held by overseas studies training department designated by the Ministry of Education, reach the level of introductory course or any criterion of acceptability specified in 15.1-15.4.

16.2 Russian or Japanese as working languages: Personnel who apply for doctoral degree candidates should reach the level of introductory course of the training department or any criterion of acceptability specified in 15.1-15.4. Personnel who apply for joint training doctoral degree candidates should reach any criterion of acceptability specified in 15.1-15.4.

16.3 German, French, Italian or Spanish as working languages: Personnel should

reach any criterion of acceptability specified in 15.1-15.4.

17. Personnel who apply for cooperative scholarship granted by CSC and relative foreign educational and scientific research institutions should accord with other conditions of the cooperative scholarship.

18. Personnel who apply for tuition subsidies should have good comprehensive qualities and development potential and outstanding performances in various aspects; Their core curriculum should be above average; The planned overseas studies institutions should be at world's first rate; The foreign supervisors should have outstanding scientific research abilities and level and they should be authoritative experts or academic foregoers in their professional subject field. And they should have remarkable international influence.

Chapter Four: Selection Method

19. We adhere to principle of "openness, fairness and equity" and adopt method of "individual application, institution recommendation, expert review and admission of the best examinees".

20. Online registration and application acceptance last from March 20, 2017 to April 5, 2017. Applicants should log in national overseas studies management information platform (<http://apply.csc.edu.cn>) for online registration, prepare application document according to Application Document and Specification for 2017 National Graduate Student Project on Government Sponsorship for Establishment of High Level Universities (for home applicants) or Application Document and Specification for 2017 National Graduate Student Project on Government Sponsorship for Establishment of High Level Universities (for overseas studies applicants) and submit them for institutional approvals. If cooperative scholarship of CSC and foreign colleges and universities/ institutions has special requirements on application document, applicants should submit relative document according to its specific requirements. All documents should be complete, genuine and valid.

21. Selection institutions should review (appraise) applicants' qualification, comprehensive quality, development potential, necessities for overseas studies, feasibility of overseas studies plans, morality and culture, physical and mental health conditions and issue targeted institutional recommendation opinions. Selection institutions should submit application document to relative acceptance institutions or CSC after reviewing the document.

22. CSC entrusts the following institutions (hereafter referred to as acceptance institutions) to be in charge of the acceptance work: Colleges and universities of "211 project" are in charge of application of their own personnel (including students and on-job personnel); We entrust embassies (consulates) of China in countries of the

attending universities of scientific institutions to be in charge of application of overseas studies personnel; Acceptance institutions are in charge of application of other personnel (see details in CSC acceptance institutions address list). Individual application will not be directly accepted.

23. Acceptance institutions should submit written official letters and recommended applicant lists to CSC by April 12. Electronic document will be submitted via information platform. Acceptance institutions will preserve written document of applicants for three years.

24. CSC will review documents of applicants, organize expert review, organize extra interviews for personnel who apply for tuition subsidies and come up with the results. Expert review is based on the following aspects:

- (1) Comprehensive quality of applicants, including professional basis, academic records, experiences and abilities, comprehensive performance, international communication abilities (including foreign language level) and development potential;
- (2) Research level of the chosen disciplines and majors of the targeted countries and institutions;
- (3) Conditions of the foreign supervisors;
- (4) Conditions of the planned overseas studies majors;
- (5) Necessities for overseas studies and feasibility of overseas studies plans
- (6) Recommendation opinions of institutions for applicants.

25. Results will be published in May 2017. Enrollment results of China-foreign cooperative scholarship will be successively published after confirmation with the foreign sides. Applicants can log in management information platform of national overseas studies on government sponsorship ([http:// apply.csc.edu.cn](http://apply.csc.edu.cn)) to check the results. Enrollment notification document will be given out to acceptance institutions on time.

Chapter Five: Dispatch and Management

26. Enrolled personnel should be dispatched in the same year. Overseas studies qualification of the enrolled members will be valid until March 31, 2018. Those who are not dispatched on time will be deprived of the qualification.

27. We will implement management method of “signing dispatch, compensate if breach the contract” on overseas studies personnel. Before dispatch, personnel should take Sponsored Overseas Studies Agreement to sign a contract, perform notarization on notary organizations, issue Letter of Agreement on Dispatch according to requirements, hand in cash deposit, apply visas and Certificate of Health Examination for International Traveler, book air tickets and take scholarship procedures in advance via CSCSE of Ministry of Education, training assembly

department of Ministry of Education in Shanghai and service management center for overseas studies personnel in Guangzhou (see details in Overseas Studies Notice).

Applicants who study overseas at their own expense should sign a contract, perform notarization of Sponsored Overseas Studies Agreement at home and hand in cash deposits and dispatch procedures once enrolled. The international travelling expenses for coming home will be covered by themselves. The international travelling expenses for leaving for overseas studies destination countries will be covered by CSC and purchased by relative overseas studies service institutions when handling with dispatch procedures.

National fresh overseas studies master graduates on government sponsorship can directly renew Sponsored Overseas Studies Agreement and register in overseas embassies (consulates) in countries of their new overseas studies institutions. They will not hand in extra cash deposit. Personnel who directly leave for the third countries for doctoral degree will cover the international travelling expenses themselves. Personnel who have to handle procedures at home should handle home registration and cash deposit withdrawal according to study plans of national master degree candidates and then handle all dispatch procedures with their new overseas studies identity of enrollment. Travelling expenses for coming home and international travelling expenses for overseas studies destination countries will be covered by CSC.

28. Before dispatch, selection institutions should perform pre-studies education and guide and assist overseas studies personnel to handle overseas studies procedures; Meanwhile, they should strengthen mental, spiritual and integrity education and guidance.

Selection institutions should rationally arrange work/ schoolwork of overseas studies personnel, ensure on-time dispatch and submit list and reasons for non-dispatch personnel to CSC.

After dispatch, selection institutions should intensify guidance and inspection on overseas studies personnel, maintain regular connection, assist CSC and overseas embassies (consulates) with overseas management and on-time return study/work and create various favorable conditions to attract outstanding overseas studies personnel to come home for work.

29. According to requirements in Overseas Studies Sponsorship Agreement, overseas studies personnel should take Qualification Certificate for State Sponsored Overseas Studies and Duty Certification for Overseas Studies Personnel on Government Sponsorship within ten days after their arrival in destination to embassies (consulates) of China in the foreign countries.

30. During overseas studies, relative personnel should obey laws and regulations of the destination countries, relative stipulations for CSC sponsored overseas studies personnel and relative commitment in Overseas Studies Sponsorship Agreement, accept management of domestic selection institutions and overseas embassies (consulates) and perform their obligations of serving the country after coming home.

31. CSC will launch annual review on schoolwork of personnel who apply for doctoral degree candidates. Those personnel include doctoral degree candidates who study overseas (doctors who enjoy foreign tuition subsidies, living expenses and government interexchange scholarship will not be reviewed). The review will be held online. Personnel and their foreign supervisors should upload report forms and CSC will hold supervisor evaluation opinions respectively on management information platform of national overseas studies on government sponsorship and the review. Personnel who pass the review will continue to enjoy CSC subsidies.

Joint training doctoral degree candidates should submit study reports signed up by foreign supervisors at the end of the semester each year to home universities, supervisors and relative overseas embassies (consulates). CSC will spot test the study reports.

32. Papers, research projects or scientific results related to sponsorship should be given clear indication of "This research/ result/ paper is sponsored by CSC" when they are written, issued and published.

Appendix

Nationalities of Overseas Studies Personnel Selection for 2017 National Graduate Student Project on Government Sponsorship for Doctoral Degree Candidates for Establishment of High Level Universities:

USA, Canada, Cuba, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Israel, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Czech, German, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Austria, Holland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, UK, Ireland, Hungary and Serbia.

Attention: All relevant dates and time herein are according to Beijing Time.