

Selection Method for 2017 National Expert Research Scholars, Visiting Scholars and Post Doctors Project on Government Sponsorship

Chapter One: General Principles

1. This method is formulated for selection of national expert research scholars, visiting scholars and post doctoral projects on government sponsorship.
2. China Scholarship Council (herein referred to as CSC) is in charge of organization and operation of this project.

Chapter Two: Selection Plans

3. In 2017, we plan to select 3500 expert research scholars, visiting scholars and post doctors.
4. Duration for overseas studies: 3-6 months for expert research scholars, 3-12 months for visiting scholars and 6-24 months for post doctors.
5. Professions 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.
6. Overseas studies personnel are mainly dispatched for renowned institutions, scientific research institutions, laboratories and other organizations in education, science and technology advanced foreign countries.
7. Overseas studies personnel are mainly dispatched by domestic selection. Institutions or the personnel can contact overseas studies institutions via personal channels or they can be dispatched according to cooperation agreement between CSC and foreign educational and scientific research organizations.
8. Subsidy items include: 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 expenses, 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. Visiting scholars to UK can apply for bench fee reimbursement less than 1000 pounds in accordance with the regulations.

Chapter Three: Application Conditions

9. In accord with the basic conditions of applicants in General Selection Regulations for Personnel of 2017 National Funded Overseas Studies.

10. Applicants must be official employees in higher education institutions, enterprises and public institutions, administrative organizations or scientific research institutions. In principle, applicants should have hosted or participated in research projects and subjects and their overseas research and study plans should have close connection with major work in the research projects, subjects and their home institutions.

11. Applicants for expert research scholars should conform to the following conditions: they should be under 55 years old when applying for the project (which means they were born after January 5, 1961). Teaching scientific research personnel should be professors or doctoral supervisors. In addition, they should be in conformity with at least one item of the following conditions:

- (1) Backbone in national key laboratories, key laboratories of the Ministry of Education and National Engineering (Technology) Research Center.
- (2) Academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chinese Academy of Engineering, Outstanding Talents or Leading Personnel candidates in “National High Level Talents Special Support Program”, special-term professors of Programs for “Changjiang Scholars” and candidates of other national level talent programs.
- (3) Senior administrative management personnel in central state organizations, local administrative management departments, big and medium state-owned enterprises. Those people should have above vice-ministerial administrative posts (including vice ministerial posts).

12. Applicants for visiting scholars should accord with the following conditions: age under 50 years old (born after January 5, 1966), over five years working experience after graduation from undergraduate programs over two years working experience after graduation from graduate universities. No years of working limitation to doctoral applicants.

13. Post doctoral applicants should accord with the following conditions: age under 40 years old (born after January 5, 1976), doctorate in domestic institutions of higher education or scientific research institutions, outstanding in-service young teachers or scientific research personnel who specifically work in education or scientific research areas. Application must be handed over within three years after doctoral graduation.

14. Submission of official invitation letters from planned overseas studies institutions when applying for the project.

15. Applicants' language level should accord with foreign language conditions of state overseas studies fund subsidies and language requirements of planned overseas study countries and institutions.

For those who don't reach the standard of the foreign language level, if majorly recommended by their institutions, they can also apply for the projects. Examination certificates, such as WSK/TOEFL/IELTS reports cards that can reveal the foreign language level must be provided. Once reviewed and enrolled, these applicants should participate in relative language training of the overseas studies training department designated by the Ministry of Education or register for WSK/TOEFL /IELTS or other examinations. Applicants will be assigned after reaching the foreign language conditions. On equal conditions, successful applicants for foreign language level will be first enrolled.

Chapter Four: Selection Method

16. We adhere to principle of "openness, justice, and equity" and adopt method of "individual application, institution recommendation, expert review and admission of the best examines ". We will majorly rely on significant national projects, key disciplines and research basis, significant scientific research projects and international academic exchanges and cooperation to select the applicants.

17. Online registration and application acceptance lasts from January 5, 2017 to January 15, 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 Expert Research Scholars, Visiting Scholars and Post Doctors Project on Government Sponsorship and submit their institutional approvals. If cooperative scholarship of CSC and foreign colleges and universities/ institutions has special requirements on application document, we will execute according to relative regulations of the specific cooperation channels.

18. Selection institutions will strictly review applicants' morality and culture, physical and mental health conditions, academic development potential, necessities for overseas studies, feasibility of overseas studies plans, issue targeted institutional recommendation opinions, set forth specific examination requirements on overseas studies and submit application document to relative acceptance institutions after reviewing the document. The document will be then submitted to CSC by relative acceptance institutions.

19. CSC entrusts relative institutions (see details in CSC acceptance institutions

address list) to take charge in acceptance of application document. Individual application will not be directly accepted.

20. Acceptance institutions should submit written official letters and recommended applicant lists to CSC by January 20. Electronic document of applicants will be submitted via information platform. Acceptance institutions will preserve written document of applicants for two years.

21. CSC will review documents of applicants, organize expert review and come up with the results. The review is based on the following aspects:

- (1) Comprehensive quality and development potential of applicants;
- (2) Major performances and awards of applicants;
- (3) Required degree for overseas research studies disciplines and majors and gap between domestic and international development conditions;
- (4) Necessity for overseas study, feasibility of research and studies plans as well as application prospects of overseas studies targets;
- (5) Development level of the chosen disciplines and majors of the targeted countries, institutions and cooperative scholars for overseas studies and whether they have the required scientific research conditions for acceptance of the applicants;
- (6) Level of disciplines and majors of the institutions of the applicants, possibilities of providing development conditions for applicants after coming home as well as recommendation attitude.

22. Results will be published in late March 2017. Applicants can log in national overseas studies management information platform (<http://apply.csc.edu.cn>) to check the results. Enrollment notification and document will be mailed to institutions of the applicants.

Chapter Five: Dispatch and Management

23. Overseas studies qualification of the enrolled members will be preserved by December 31, 2017. Those who are not dispatched on time will be deprived of the qualification. In principle, unless on special conditions, CSC will not accept changes of states, institutions and duration of overseas studies and application of postponed dispatch.

24. Before applying visas and booking air tickets, overseas study personnel should log in national overseas studies management information platform (<http://apply.csc.edu.cn>) to check if they need to submit supplementary document. Should there be any problems, please inquire CSC European Affairs Department, Asia-African Affairs Department and American-Australian Affairs Department according to nationalities or districts of enrollment.

25. We will implement management method of “signing dispatch, compensate if breach the contract” on the overseas studies personnel. Before dispatch, personnel should take Sponsored Overseas Studies Agreement to sign a contract and perform notarization on notary organizations. The agreement will be mailed or delivered personally to Law and Project Department of CSC three weeks before dispatch. Personnel should hand in cash deposits for safekeeping, apply visas and Certificate of Health Examination for International Traveler, book air tickets, apply duty cards 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).

26. Selection institutions and overseas studies service institutions should review applicants’ overseas studies nationalities, institutions, terms and other information according to requirements when handling dispatch procedures.

27. Overseas studies personnel should take original copies of 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.

28. During overseas studies, relative personnel should obey laws and regulations of the destination countries, relative stipulations for state sponsored overseas studies personnel and relative commitment in Overseas Studies Sponsorship Agreement, accept guidance and management of domestic selection institutions and overseas embassies (consulates) and regularly submit research and studies reports and foreign cooperation members appraisals to domestic selection institutions and overseas embassies (consulates)。

29. Overseas studies personnel should accomplish stipulated research and studies plans and tasks and requirements put forward by domestic selection institutions according to the agreement, return home to commit to the obligation of serving the country on time and report overseas studies results to selection institutions after returning home. Overseas studies returnees should register in CSC on time and withdraw the deposits.

30. Selection institutions should stipulate their own management method for national visiting scholars overseas studies on government sponsorship, plan and consider various procedures involving “selection, dispatch, management and return” and intensify target and process management on overseas studies personnel. Specialized institutions and members should be in charge of the specific work.

- (1) After enrollment, selection institutions should rationally arrange work of overseas studies personnel, supervise and guarantee on-schedule dispatch

- and inform CSC of non-dispatch name list and reasons by written document.
- (2) Before dispatch, selection institutions should perform pre-studies education, put forward specific requirements on their overseas research and studies plans and guide and assist them with the overseas studies procedures.
 - (3) After dispatch, selection institutions should intensify guidance and inspection on overseas studies personnel, maintain regular connection, review their research and studies reports and assist CSC and overseas embassies (consulates) with overseas management and on-time return issues.
 - (4) After return, selection institutions should assess overseas studies personnel so as to maintain overseas studies effects.

31. Selection institutions should regularly make conclusion on their overseas management, return conditions and state sponsored overseas studies effects. Final reports as well as typical examples should be submitted to CSC before end of December each year. CSC will spot test research and studies report and review conditions of the institutions.

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.