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Chinese Government Scholarship
High Level Postgraduate Program
Application Guide
for New International Students



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1. About Shanghai University

Shanghai University (SHU) is a member University of Project 211 and a leading comprehensive university co-sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Shanghai Municipality. It is among Shanghai's first pilot programs of high-level construction of local university. As a university with first-class discipline construction qualified by the Ministry of Education, SHU is ranked 201-300 globally in the 2024 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), 327th in U.S. News 2024.

SHU offers a wide range of disciplines, covering philosophy, economics, law, education, literature, history, natural science, engineering, medical science, management, art, multi-discipline, etc. 14 of these disciplines are global Top 1%: Engineering Science, Materials Science, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Ecology, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Physics, Clinical Medicine, Biology and Biochemistry, Economics and Business, Phytology and Zoology, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Geoscience.

There are more than 40, 000 full-time students in Shanghai University, including 3,144 international students from more than 150 countries. Modern campuses with well-equipped dormitory and sports facilities, and easy accessibility with subway nearby provide a pleasant environment for students of different languages and cultures to study here.

Shanghai University Agency Number: 10280





2. Scholarship Supporting Categories and Major

In order to strengthen mutual understanding and friendship between the Chinese and people around the world and promote China's exchange and cooperation with other countries in various fields, the Chinese government sets up scholarships for talented students and scholars to pursue higher education or conduct research in Chinese universities. The China Scholarship Council (hereinafter referred to as "CSC"), entrusted by China's Ministry of Education, is responsible for the admission, enrollment and administration of Chinese Government Scholarship recipients.

Chinese Government Scholarship Program-High Level Postgraduate Program is based on the principles of "individual application, institutional recommendation, expert assessment and selection on the basis of merit", and selects international students with excellent academic background, professional ability and future development potential.

- This scholarship program is only for new international students of **Master and Doctoral Programs**.
- Majors under this scholarship program: **No Limit** (Please refer to application guide for graduate programs, <https://apply.shu.edu.cn>)

3. Scholarship Coverage

- Tuition fees in the standard length of schooling
- Free on-campus dormitory or accommodation subsidy (CNY 700/month for master students; CNY 1,000/month for PhD)
- Stipend: Master's students CNY 3,000/month; Doctoral students CNY 3,500/month
- Comprehensive medical insurance: CNY 800 per person per year

Notes:

- ✧ Stipend is monthly paid by Shanghai University. Scholarship students who register before the 15th (15th included) of the registration month will receive full stipend; those who register after the 15th will receive half stipend. Graduates can get another half month stipend after the graduation day determined by the university. If scholarship students have left China for more than 15 days due to personal reasons during his/her study period (except public holidays), his/her stipend during that time will be suspended.
- ✧ For more information about Comprehensive medical insurance, please refer to <https://lxbx.net/home>





4. Scholarship Eligibility

Applicants are required to meet the following conditions:

4.1 Basic Eligibility

Be a citizen of a country other than the PRC with a valid personal ordinary-type passport and in good health both mentally and physically.

4.2 Language Proficiency

4.2.1 For **programs taught in Chinese**, HSK certificates within two years are required (HSK refers to Chinese Proficiency Test. You can find information on: www.chinesetest.cn):

- **HSK 5 with the score 210 or above** for majors in **Science or Engineering, Economics or Management and Art**;
- **HSK 6 with the score 180 or above** for majors in **Humanities**.

✧ HSK Exemptions

The following types of applicants are exempt from taking the HSK:

- Native speaker of Chinese;
- The previous degree is fully taught in Chinese. The statement of instruction language must be issued by the official department of the school or university.

4.2.2 For **programs taught in English**, applicants must meet one of the following English proficiency requirements:

- Native speakers of English.
- Internationally recognized English proficiency tests score within two years:

English proficiency test	Minimum Requirement	Notes
GRE General	320	
GMAT	550	
IELTS (academic)	6.5	
TOEFL	90	TOEFL MyBest™ Score and TOEFL essentials accepted
Duolingo	120	
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	180	
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	180	
NTS GAT General	70% score	For Pakistani applicants to master programs
NTS GAT Subject	70% score	For Pakistani applicants to doctoral programs

- The previous degree is fully taught in English. The statement of instruction language must be issued by the official department of the school or university.



4.3 Academic Requirement

4.3.1 For Master's Programs

- ✓ Be an academically excellent holder of a Bachelor's degree;

Applicants who have not yet received their degree certificates at the time of application should provide a pre-graduation certificate issued by their school or college to prove their ability to graduate and obtain their degree certificates by July 31, 2025. In addition, applicants are required to fill out a personal commitment form, which can be downloaded from the website: <https://apply.shu.edu.cn/application/index>

- ✓ Relevant undergraduate academic background is required, or have completed undergraduate-level courses relevant to intended graduate major, with GPA 2.5 or above (4-Point GPA System) .
- ✓ Accepted by a prospective professor at Shanghai University

Choose supervisor online when choosing a major in the online application system and get accepted by a prospective professor. Please note that it is not required to choose supervisor for the following Master's programs: School of Economics, School of Management, MBA center and SILC Business School. The colleges will arrange the supervisor for new students after registration at Shanghai University.

- ✓ To apply for an art-related major must have relative academic background and provide a portfolio such as paintings, story scripts, short films, etc.
- ✓ Applicants should be under the age of 35.

4.3.2 For PhD's Programs

- ✓ Be an academically excellent holder of a Master's degree;

Applicants who have not yet received their degree certificates at the time of application should provide a pre-graduation certificate issued by their school or college to prove their ability to graduate and obtain their degree certificates by July 31, 2025. In addition, applicants are required to fill out a personal commitment form, which can be downloaded from the website: <https://apply.shu.edu.cn/application/index>

- ✓ Relevant master's degree background and academic achievements, with GPA 3.0 or above (4-Point GPA System) .
- ✓ Accepted by a prospective professor at Shanghai University

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PhD programs in School of Economic and School of Management. The colleges will arrange the supervisor for new students after registration at Shanghai University.

- ✓ To apply for an art-related major must have relative academic background and provide a portfolio such as paintings, story scripts, short films, etc.
- ✓ Applicants should be under the age of 40.

4.4 No other type of scholarship was granted at the time of application.





5. Documents

The following materials should be prepared with complete and clear electronic versions.

Information Page of Ordinary Passport

A clear copy of your valid passport with your name, photo, birth date, place of birth, date of issue, date of expiry (the validity of the passport should be after March 1st, 2026, please renew the passport if the requirement is not met.). **Visa page** is required for applicants who are not in their home country.

ID photo

The passport-size photo (one-inch, 295*413) should be taken within the last six months, bareheaded, full-faced with blue-color background; the photo is required to submit as JPG image less than 100kb.

Selfie video

Applicants should submit a video including self-introduction and study plan in China. avi, mov, or mp4 less than 50 MB are accepted. The language of the video should be consistent with the language of the program you are applying for (English or Chinese).

Notarized Highest Degree Diploma or Graduation Certificate

Applicants who have not yet received their degree certificates at the time of application should provide a pre-graduation certificate issued by their school or college to prove their ability to graduate and obtain their degree certificates by July 31, 2025. In addition, applicants are required to fill out a personal commitment form, which can be downloaded from the website: <https://apply.shu.edu.cn/application/index>.

Academic transcripts (from the undergraduate program onwards).

Copies of academic records from first to last semester during the undergraduate, graduate (if any), and doctoral programs (if any) shall be provided. These transcripts shall be issued and sealed by the attending university's academic affairs office, graduate school, or student management department.

Language Proficiency Certificate within the validity period

If the official language proficiency is not available at the time of application, applicants may upload a screenshot of the results queried on the website. The original certificate must be provided at the time of new student registration.

Two Recommendation Letters with Signature

Two letters of recommendation (written only in Chinese or English) from professors or associate professors shall be submitted. These letters shall describe the applicant's objectives of learning in China, comprehensive abilities, and evaluation of future growth etc.; The referee's signature and contact information are necessary, and the date of recommendation letter should not be earlier than September, 2024.

Choose Supervisor online and Get Accepted

Please note that it is not required to choose supervisor for School of Economics, School of Management, MBA center and SILC Business School.



Research Plan for International Graduates Shanghai University

A Research Plan written in Chinese or English shall contain more than 1,000 characters or words. Please be noted that the proposal should be mainly focus on the description of academic Background, research field and the future study/research plan; a brief introduction of the reason you choose to study in China and SHU, the understanding of China and SHU could also be included in the proposal. The language of research plan should be consistent with the language of the program you are applying for.

* *You can download the template at <https://apply.shu.edu.cn/application/index>*

* *The research plan is the key material for the scholarship review. Please prepare it carefully.*

Statement of Financial Support

* *You can download the template at <https://apply.shu.edu.cn/application/index>*

Awards (evidential materials for participation in activities or contests)

Please merge into one PDF file if there are multiple copies.

Certificate of No Criminal Record

* *The applicant shall submit a valid certificate of Non-Criminal Record issued by the local public security authority, usually issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application.*

* *For any applicants who cannot get the Certificate of No Criminal Record by the local public security authority, please sign the **No criminal record Commitment** with Shanghai University (You can download at <https://apply.shu.edu.cn/application/index>).*

Foreigner Physical Examination

* *The form is designed by the Chinese quarantine authority and can be obtained from the dispatching authority. The physical examinations must cover all the items listed in the Foreigner Physical Examination Form. Incomplete records or those without the signature of the attending physician, the official stamp of the hospital, or a sealed photograph of the applicants are invalid. Please select the appropriate time to take a physical examination as the result is valid for only 6 months.*

Academic Research Documents or art portfolio (Refer to Departmental standards)

★ Evidential materials of published academic papers and patent certificates.

★ Applicants for art majors should provide at least two examples of artworks.

Notes:

- *Documents not in Chinese or English should be accompanied by Chinese/English translation provided by notarized or issuing departments;*
- *Only scanned copies of the above materials are required for application, and the original documents are required for reference at the time of registration.*
- *Uploaded supporting documents must be clear, authentic and valid. Applicants are recommended to use a professional device to scan the relevant documents. Applicants shall bear the consequences caused by untrue, unclear or unidentifiable uploaded materials.*



6. Application Methods

6.1 Accepting Agency: Shanghai University (Agent Number: 10280)

6.2 Applicable Programs

Master's degree programs

Doctoral degree programs

6.3 Deadline for application submission: February 15th, 2025.

6.4 Application Procedures:

Step 1: Applicants submit their applications to Shanghai University Online Application System (<https://apply.shu.edu.cn>) before **February 15th, 2025**.

✧ *The online application system of Shanghai University includes filling in personal information, uploading application materials, completing the online test, paying the application fee and so on. Please pay attention to your application status within the system, and check your email in time.*

Step 2: Shanghai University will complete the application material review, interview and scholarship evaluation before **March 15th**, confirm the list of candidates for the program.

✧ *Applicants who are not nominated as candidates for this scholarship program may continue to apply for other scholarship programs or self-funded programs of Shanghai University.*

Step 3: Nominated candidates should submit their applications to the Chinese Government Scholarship Management Information System (<http://www.campuschina.org>) before **March 20th**. Agent Number of Shanghai University is **10280**.

✧ *The Pre-Admission Notice sent by Shanghai University is required for application within CSC system.*

✧ *Candidates who fail to complete the application on time will be disqualified.*

Step 4: China Scholarship Council will organize experts to make the final evaluation on the candidates' academic performance, comprehensive quality and development potential, and select the final scholarship recipient.

✧ *Candidates who are not admitted to the Chinese Government Scholarship Program can choose to continue to apply for other scholarship programs of Shanghai University or self-funded programs.*

6.5 The start date of the new semester: From the end of August to the beginning of September, 2025

6.6 Date of new student registration: August 20th, 2025 (The specific registration time will be notified on the official website).

Applicants who are not nominated to the CSC high-level postgraduate scholarship program may continue to apply for other types of scholarship programs of Shanghai University or self-funded programs.





7. Others

7.1 Scholarship applicants must submit their application materials directly to Shanghai University in person. Those who apply by agencies will be disqualified from scholarship.

7.2 Scholarship recipients must complete the registration and enrollment on scheduled time in accordance with the university regulations. Those who miss the deadline without approval will be disqualified from scholarship.

7.3 Scholarship recipients must bring **all original documents** for new registration (printed or photocopied documents are not accepted). Provision of any false/ misleading information or failure to provide the requested supporting documents will lead to disqualification of admission.

7.4 Scholarship recipients are required to attend the annual scholarship review, which evaluates the academic performance and daily performance for the whole academic year. Those who fail to pass will lose their eligibility for the next year's scholarship.

7.5 Scholarship recipients cannot change the major, or transfer to another University, or prolong the length of study in principle.

7.6 Those items shall be explained by the college of International Education, Shanghai University.

8. Contact us

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