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Chinese Government Scholarship

Silk Road Program

Application Guide for New International Students

# 中国政府奖学金 “丝绸之路项目” 申请指南



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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 2025 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), 296th in US News 2025.

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 Information

The Chinese Government Scholarship “Silk Road” Program that Shanghai University has applied to offer in 2026 is the “International Talent Development Program in Belt and Road Cultural Heritage Protection, Intelligent Communication, and Creative Design.” This program supports outstanding international students from selected Belt and Road countries to study relevant programs at Shanghai University.

- Application Deadline: **May 10, 2026**
- This scholarship program is only for new international students of Master and Doctoral Programs.
- Countries: **Vietnam, Indonesia, Russia, Thailand, Pakistan, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Cambodia.**

**Note: Specific information regarding this scholarship program is subject to the final approval of the China Scholarship Council.**



■ The majors under this scholarship program is as follows:

Major	School	Student Category	Duration	Language of Instruction	Campus
Journalism and Communication	School of Journalism and Communication ( <a href="https://sjc.shu.edu.cn">https://sjc.shu.edu.cn</a> )	Master	2 years	Chinese	Yanchang
Journalism and Communication		Master	2 years	English	Yanchang
Communication		PhD	3 years	Chinese	Yanchang
Museum Studies	School of Cultural Heritage and Information Management ( <a href="https://schim.shu.edu.cn/">https://schim.shu.edu.cn/</a> )	Master	3 years	Chinese	Baoshan
Museum Studies		Master	3 years	English	Baoshan
Cultural Heritage		PhD	4 years	Chinese	Baoshan
Design	Shanghai Academy of Fine Arts ( <a href="https://safa.shu.edu.cn/">https://safa.shu.edu.cn/</a> )	Master	3 years	Chinese	Yanchang

### 3. Scholarship Coverage

Full Scholarship, which contains:

- **Tuition fees** in the standard length of schooling
- **On-campus dorm** or off-campus accommodation subsidy (CNY 700/month for Master’s students, CNY 1,000/month for Doctoral students);
- **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.

For the master’s program, applicants should be under the age of 35;

For the PhD’s program, applicants should be under the age of 40.

### 4.2 Language Proficiency

**4.2.1 For programs taught in Chinese, HSK certificates within two years are required:**

**HSK 6 with the score 180 or above.**

(HSK refers to Chinese Proficiency Test. You can find information on: [www.chinesetest.cn](http://www.chinesetest.cn))

#### ✧ 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, 2026. 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 (Note: 4-Point GPA System) .
- ✓ Accepted by a prospective professor at Shanghai University  
*When selecting a major in the online application system of Shanghai University, please choose a prospective supervisor online and obtain his/her approval.*

### 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, 2026. 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 (Note: 4-Point GPA System) .
- ✓ Accepted by a prospective professor at Shanghai University  
*When selecting a major in the online application system of Shanghai University, please choose a prospective supervisor online and obtain his/her approval.*

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





## 5. Documentation

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

### **☑ Information Page of 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, 2027, 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).

### **☑ 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, 2026. 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.**

Copies of academic records of all courses completed by the time of application 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.

### **☑ Choose Supervisor online and Get Accepted**

### **☑ 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>

#### **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.

#### **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 (Refer to Departmental standards)**

★ Evidential materials of published academic papers and patent certificates.

#### **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 Deadline for application submission: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

**6.3 Application Procedures:**

**Step 1:** The applicant finishes the online application in the Chinese Government Scholarship Management Information System (<http://www.campuschina.org> ). Please select “**Type B**”, and fill in the **Agent Number of Shanghai University “10280”**.

**Step 2:** The applicant finishes the online application in Shanghai University International Students Application System (<https://apply.shu.edu.cn> ) before May 10<sup>th</sup>, which includes the steps of filling in personal information, uploading application materials, choosing a prospective supervisor online, completing the online test and so on. Please pay attention to your application status within the system, and check your email in time. Candidates who fail to complete the application on time will be disqualified.

**Step 3:** The International Students Admissions Office will review the application materials and conduct interviews with applicants who meet the requirements, and issue the Pre-Admission Notice.

**Step 4:** The applicant completes the application fee payment online or bank transfer, and then upload the payment receipt in Shanghai University International Students Application System.

**Step 5:** The prospective supervisor and faculty will review the application. Another interview might be arranged by the faculty.

**Step 6:** Shanghai University Scholarship Committee will assess and nominate the scholarship candidates. The result will be published on <https://apply.shu.edu.cn> and report to CSC for final review.

**Step 7:** CSC will organize experts to make the final evaluation on the candidates’ academic performance, comprehensive quality and development potential, and select the final scholarship recipients.

**Step 8:** The scholarship recipients receive the official admission document expected in the end of July or the beginning of August.

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





## 7. Important Dates

- Scholarship application closing date: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026;
- Time of scholarship candidate results: expected in mid of June;
- The final scholarship results are expected to be announced in mid to late July;
- New students' registration time: September of 2026, the specific registration time will be notified on the Shanghai University official admission website.

## 8. Others

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

**8.2** 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.

**8.3** Scholarship recipients must bring all original documents for registration. Provision of any false/misleading information or failure to provide the requested supporting documents will lead to disqualification of admission.

**8.4** 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.

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

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

**8.7** Specific information regarding this scholarship program is subject to the final approval of the China Scholarship Council.





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