GENERATION UK – CHINA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Eligibility

1. I am not a British passport holder. Am I still eligible?
   Unfortunately not, candidates must be a British passport holder (including Irish or NI domiciled). Please note that this means we are also unable to accept those with permanent residency status in the UK if they are not British citizens.

2. I am currently in my first year of university and do not yet have a grade transcript from university. Am I still eligible?
   Unfortunately not, and we are unable to accept A-Level or GCSE results as sufficient evidence. Please wait until you have finished your first year and obtained a grade transcript before making your application.

3. I previously took part in a Generation UK internship programme. Am I still eligible?
   Yes, previous Generation UK interns can take part in this programme. However, Generation UK scholars are unable to apply for a Generation UK internship after they have completed their scholarship programme.

4. I am currently studying for a Masters. Am I still eligible?
   Yes, Masters students are eligible for our programmes, provided you are currently studying or have graduated in the past year.

5. What do you suggest if I am not eligible for the programme?
   There are still many options to come to China, even if you are not eligible for one of our Generation UK-China scholarships. Please sign up to our newsletter, which we also use to advertise other opportunities, or email us at gen.uk@britishcouncil.org.cn for recommendations to come to China outside of our programme.

Application Information

6. How do I make an application?
   Please check out our ‘Study in China’ page on the Study Work Create portal for more information, the all-important deadline dates and the online application forms listed below each scholarship. Do also sign up to our newsletter to be alerted when applications open.

7. Do any of these scholarships fund Bachelor’s/Master’s degrees?
   No- these scholarships are designed for students to take between five months and one year of non-degree primarily Chinese language, study in mainland China.
8. What exactly is ‘non-degree’ study?
   Non-degree means that you do not obtain an academic degree at the end of the course, and your studies in China cannot be used as part of your course in the UK. However, some of the Chinese universities are open to, after you finish your first year, let you stream into the second year of a relevant degree programme. However, the second year will not be funded by Generation UK-China, and such options would need to be discussed with the universities individually.

9. I am going to China to study for a year as part of my degree in the UK. Can I use one of the Generation UK – China Scholarships to fund this?
   No- these scholarships are for students who wish to undertake between five and twelve months of independent, non-degree study.

10. Can I apply to multiple scholarships?
    Yes- students are welcome to apply to as many scholarships as they like, which will all be assessed at one time. Once a student is accepted onto one scholarship programme, their application will not progress any further with others.

11. Do I need to apply to the universities separately after obtaining a scholarship?
    No- your application to one of the scholarships means you are applying to a place at the university at the same time. If you are successful in obtaining a scholarship, this means you have a funded place at the university and we will be in touch to guide you with the next steps.

12. How do I find out more about the particular scholarship programme I am interested in?
    Please consult the programme brochure on the ‘Study in China’ page on our Study Work Create portal.

13. What does an academic reference need to include?
    An academic reference needs to be typed on university letterhead paper and signed by the author. They should include information such as their academic relationship to you, your academic profile, and why they would recommend you for the programme. We require scanned copies of a printed and signed reference to be uploaded along with your application.

14. I do not speak Mandarin- will this affect my application?
    No- your proficiency in Mandarin does not form part of the assessment process.

15. Once I’ve submitted my application, how do I know you have received it?
    An automatic response will be sent to all received applications. It is with regret that we are unable to comment on unsuccessful applications and if you have not heard from us within 8 weeks you should consider your application unsuccessful.

16. When will I find out if I have been awarded a place?
    Candidates can expect to be informed if they have been awarded a place or not around six weeks after the application closing date. We also shortlist candidates for a waiting list in case further places open up due to drop outs.
17. I completed a Generation UK – China Scholarship last year. Can I reapply?
    Unfortunately not, we want to offer as many different students as we can the chance to gain this amazing international experience!

Programme Details

18. When will I find out term dates for my scholarship?
    If accepted onto a programme, your university will provide you with detailed term dates but we expect terms to run from late February-late June or early September-late January.

19. Can you tell me more information about the course I will be studying on?
    Course information is provided by your university and they will get back to us by the end of December regarding your university place, should you be accepted. Please consult the programme brochure for further information about what to expect from a non-degree, primarily Chinese language, course at one of our universities.

20. What costs does Generation UK cover?
    Generation UK – China covers your tuition fees, basic shared accommodation and a monthly living stipend. This stipend varies according to which province you study in but will be between 1000-1600 RMB/month. For some programmes, there will also be an initial settlement allowance of approx. 1000RMB for your first month. All payments will be transferred to a Chinese bank account which you will be required to set up upon arrival.

21. What costs will I need to cover?
    You will need to cover costs including return flights, visa, travel and medical insurances and other living and travel expenses. These might include registration fees, utilities, textbooks and a refundable accommodation deposit. Costs vary depending on your standard of living, and you should also factor in whether you would wish to travel and explore China in your free time.

22. Can I extend my scholarship after it has been completed?
    Unfortunately we have limited funding, and at current do not have any availability to extend scholarships beyond the agreed programmes. However, a number of students have gone on to fund themselves or receive support from their universities and other funding bodies in order to continue for another semester – or longer!