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To: National Commissions
for UNESCO of Member
States invited

Permanent Delegations
to UNESCO of Member
States invited

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Subject: **UNESCO/People's Republic of China (The Great Wall)
Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme 2020-2021**

ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, and within the framework of the UNESCO/People's Republic of China (The Great Wall) Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme, I am pleased to inform you that the Government of the People's Republic of China and UNESCO are offering seventy-five (75) fellowships for the academic year 2020-2021 for advanced studies in varied subjects for the benefit of the invited Member States (see Annex I).

These fellowships are intended for the students and scholars who wish to pursue advanced studies or undertake research at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in Chinese universities for a duration of one year. Twenty (20) of these seventy-five (75) fellowships are intended for the candidates of pre- and in-service teachers, teacher educators and trainers from the ten (10) African countries under UNESCO-China Funds-in-Trust Project (CFIT) to undertake an Advanced Teacher Training Programme at the East China Normal University.

Each invited Member State can submit two (2) candidatures at the maximum for general/senior scholar programmes, and each UNESCO-CFIT countries, exceptionally, are invited to submit four (4) candidatures (2 candidatures for the regular general/senior scholar programmes, and another 2 candidates recommended by the Teacher Training Institutions supported by UNESCO-CFIT Project). Candidatures should be submitted as prescribed in the Annexes of this letter, to enable UNESCO and the authorities of the donor government to select the most qualified candidates. Special attention will be paid to female candidatures for an equal representation, given the high priority that UNESCO places on gender equality.

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The annexes to this letter provide detailed information concerning the requisite qualifications, the facilities offered, the general conditions governing the award of fellowships as well as the procedures for the submission of applications.

We would be most grateful if you could submit the candidatures (letters of nomination and copies of China Scholarship Council online Application Forms together with photocopies of valid ordinary passports) by e-mail to Mr Stoyan Bantchev, Chief of the Participation Program and Fellowships Section (s.bantchev@unesco.org), with a.slojneva@unesco.org and v.lopy@unesco.org in copy by 25 March 2020 at the latest.

Yours faithfully,



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Cc: Permanent Delegation of the People's Republic of China to UNESCO
UNESCO Field Office (of invited countries)

Enclosures:

- Annex I (List of Invited Member States)
- Annex II (Terms and Conditions)
- Foreigner Physical Examination Form
- Certificate of Language Knowledge
- Instructions for Online Application for UNESCO/China Co-sponsored Fellowships Programme

UNESCO/PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (THE GREAT WALL)
CO-SPONSORED FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME

INVITED MEMBER STATES TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS

Africa - 46 member States:

Angola	Kenya
Benin	Lesotho
Botswana	Liberia
Burkina Faso	Madagascar
Burundi	Malawi
Cameroon	Mali
Cape Verde	Mauritius
Central African Republic	Mozambique
Chad	Namibia
Comoros	Niger
Congo	Nigeria
Cote d'Ivoire	Rwanda
Democratic Republic of Congo	Sao Tome and Principe
Djibouti	Senegal
Equatorial Guinea	Seychelles
Eritrea	Sierra Leone
Eswatini	Somalia
Ethiopia	South Africa
Gabon	Togo
Gambia	Uganda
Ghana	United Republic of Tanzania
Guinea	Zambia
Guinea-Bissau	Zimbabwe

Asia and the Pacific - 38 Member States:

Bangladesh	Kazakhstan
Bhutan	Kiribati
Cambodia	Kyrgyzstan
Cook Islands	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Malaysia
Fiji	Maldives
India	Marshall Islands

ANNEX I

Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Myanmar
Nauru
Nepal
Niue
Palau
Pakistan
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Samoa
Solomon Islands

Micronesia (Federated States of)
Mongolia
Sri Lanka
Tadjikistan
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Tonga
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Viet Nam

Arab States - 13 Member States:

Algeria
Egypt
Iraq
Jordan
Lebanon
Libya
Mauritania

Morocco
Palestine
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
Tunisia
Yemen

Latin America and the Caribbean - 26 Member States

Argentina
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala

Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Suriname
Venezuela

Europe - 12 Member States:

Albania
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Georgia

Montenegro
Poland
Republic of North Macedonia
Republic of Moldova
Serbia
Ukraine

**UNESCO/PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (THE GREAT WALL)
CO-SPONSORED FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME 2020-2021**

With a view to promoting the human resource development and capacity building of developing countries and to enhancing international exchanges in the field of education, culture, communication, science and technology and the friendship among peoples of the world, the Government of the People's Republic of China has placed at the disposal of UNESCO for the academic year 2020-2021, under the co-sponsorship with UNESCO, **seventy-five (75)** fellowships for advanced studies at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. These fellowships are for the benefit of developing Member States in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Europe and Arab region (please see the list of invited Member States in ANNEX I)

Tenable at a selected number of Chinese universities, these fellowships are intended for students and scholars who plan to pursue advanced studies or undertake individual research in China for **a duration of one year**. Twenty (20) of the 75 fellowships are especially intended for candidatures recommended by the Teacher Training Institutions supported by UNESCO-CFIT Project in the 10 African countries to undertake an Advanced Training Programme for pre- and in-service teachers, teacher educators and trainers at East China Normal University. Most of the study programmes will be conducted in English. In exceptional cases, candidates may be required to study Chinese language before taking up research or studying in their fields of interest.

Selected candidates will undertake their studies in the host universities as **visiting scholars**. **Extension or repeated award of fellowships will be impossible under the same UNESCO fellowships programme**. Therefore, selected candidates who intend to continue their studies or pursue degrees will need to seek other types of funding after the completion of this one-year fellowship. For more information, please refer to <http://www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina> or www.campuschina.org

A. FIELDS OF STUDIES AT SELECTED UNIVERSITIES

Please visit the official webpage of China Scholarship Council (CSC) for the available fields of studies in selected Chinese universities:
<http://www.campuschina.org/universities/index.html>

B. Eligibility

- (i) Applicants applying for **General Scholar Programmes** must not be older than the age of forty-five (45) and should have completed at least two years of undergraduate study; and those who apply for **Senior Scholar Programmes** must be a **master's degree holder** or an associate professor (or above) and not older than the age of fifty (50).
- (ii) English proficiency is required.
- (iii) Be in good health, both mentally and physically.

C. PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Only the applications endorsed by the relevant Government body (the National Commission for UNESCO) are receivable by UNESCO.

Eligible applicants, after receiving the endorsement of the National Commissions for UNESCO of their home countries, must **submit their applications in the online application system** on the official website of China Scholarship Council (<http://www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina>) by **25 March 2020** at the latest with the following mandatory documents:

- (i) *Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship* in Chinese or English (the form can be downloaded and printed after completing the online application).
- (ii) *Copy of Passport Photo Page*: Applicant shall submit a clear scanned copy of his/her **ordinary passport** with validity later than March 1, 2021. If the validity of the current passport does not meet the requirement, please apply for a new passport before submitting the application. For applicants who cannot apply for passports before submitting their applications, with the permission of dispatching authorities, they may submit scanned copy of identity certificates or official documents containing the applicants' "English name, Gender, Nationality, Date of Birth" and other information.
- (iii) *Notarized photocopies of the highest diploma*: Prospective diploma winners must submit official proof of student status notarized by their current schools. Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized Chinese or English translation.
- (iv) *Academic transcripts*: Transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized Chinese or English translation.
- (v) *A Study Plan or Research Proposal in Chinese or English. (A minimum of 200 words for undergraduates, 500 words for non-degree students, and 800 words for postgraduates.)*.
- (vi) *Recommendation Letters*: Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation in Chinese or English from professors or associate professors familiar with the work of the applicants.
- (vii) *The form of Certificate of Language Proficiency* stamped and/or signed by a competent authority to prove the applicant has sufficient language knowledge to attend the courses of study. (See the form of Certificate of Language Proficiency in the annexes.)
- (viii) *A photocopy of Foreigner Physical Examination Form* completed in English (the applicant should keep the original copy). The physical examination 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 applicant are invalid. Please select the appropriate time to take physical examination, as the result is valid for only 6 month. (See Foreigner Physical Examination Form in the annexes.)

Applicants shall also submit the following documents if applicable

- (ix) *Pre-admission Letter from Chinese Government Scholarship universities.*
- (x) *Valid language qualification certificate (e.g. HSK certificate, IELTS or TOFEL report).*

- (xi) Applicants for music studies are requested to submit their own works. Applicants for fine arts programs must submit their own works which include two sketches, two color paintings and two other works.
- (xii) Applicants under the age of 18 should submit the valid documents of their legal guardians in China.

Applicants must submit all the mandatory documents mentioned above in the online application system. **All uploaded supporting documents must be clear, authentic and valid.**

D. SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATURES

Letters of nomination and copies of China Scholarship Council online Application Forms together with photocopies of valid ordinary passports should be sent to Mr Stoyan Bantchev, Chief of the Participation Programme and Fellowships Section **by e-mail** (s.bantchev@unesco.org), with a.slojneva@unesco.org and v.lopy@unesco.org in copy **by 25 March 2020** at the latest.

Each invited Member States can submit two (2) candidatures at the maximum for General/Senior Scholar programmes, and one of them should be woman.

Since twenty (20) of the 75 fellowships are especially intended for the candidatures applying for CFIT Advanced Teacher Training Programme, each UNESCO-CFIT countries are invited to submit four (4) candidatures (2 candidatures for regular general/senior scholar programmes, and another 2 candidates from the Teacher Training Institutions supported by UNESCO-CFIT Project). Among the four submitted candidatures, two must be women.

Hard copies of applications documents are no longer required and it is mandatory for each nominated candidate to submit his/her application in the online application system. The corresponding Serial Number of online applications should be indicated when the candidatures are submitted to UNESCO.

Candidates who do not fulfil the requirement mentioned above, or submit incomplete application or submit documents after the deadline will lose their eligibility in the selection.

E. SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES

UNESCO and the Chinese authorities will select the seventy-five (75) most qualified candidates. The National Commissions for UNESCO of the beneficiaries will be duly informed by UNESCO.

Candidates who do not receive the result of their application by 31 August 2020 should consider that their applications are rejected.

F. FACILITIES OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- (i) *Tuition waiver*;
- (ii) *Monthly stipends*: CNY 3 000 (three thousand Chinese yuan) for General Scholars, or CNY 3 500 (three thousand five hundred Chinese yuan) for Senior Scholars to cover meals and pocket expense;
- (iii) *Accommodation***: free university dormitory or accommodation subsidy;

**If the host university requires students to live on campus, the university will accommodate scholarship students in university dormitory (usually twin room); if the host university permits the students to live off-campus, the university will provide monthly or quarterly accommodation subsidy as standard stipulated below:

General scholars: CNY 700 per month;

Senior scholars: CNY 1000 per month.

- (iv) *Comprehensive Medical Insurance**** and Protection Scheme for International Students in China.

***Fellows will need to cover a certain percentage of personal expenses. Fellows should carefully refer to the policy terms and conditions provided by the insurance company when claiming for compensations. In most cases, the insurance company will request relevant documents and invoices. Any claims without eligible proofs will be rejected.

G. FACILITIES OFFERED BY UNESCO

- (i) *one round trip international travel* to and from China;
- (ii) *monthly pocket allowance* of US\$ 80 (eighty US dollars), and
- (iii) *a termination allowance* of US\$ 200 (two hundred US dollars) to cover excess luggage charges at time of return to home country.

IMPORTANT: No allowance will be granted for financing or lodging any spouse or dependent of the fellows.

H. VISA

All fellows must obtain their visa from the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in their country before their departure to China. As it requires at least three weeks for the diplomatic missions to process visa application, fellows are advised to start their visa application as soon as they receive their award.

UNESCO and the Government of the People's Republic of China provide no allowance to defray passport and visa expenses. Selected beneficiaries will have to secure their own visas themselves.

NOTE: National authorities have the responsibility to ensure that all candidates are duly informed of all these terms and conditions before they submit their applications.