

Communication University of China

2026 Application Information for Self-sponsored International Postgraduate Programs

【Communication University of China】

The Communication University of China (CUC) is one of China's key universities, and it is included in the 211 Project and "985 Project Innovation Platform" under the Double First-Class Initiative, which is directly administered by the Ministry of Education. The university is known as the Cradle of Chinese Radio, Television, and Media Talents and a Renowned Institution in Information Communication. Founded in 1954, it is in Dingfuzhuang, Chaoyang District, Beijing.

CUC currently has two national Double First-Class disciplines: Journalism and Communication Studies, and Drama, Cinematic & Television Studies. It also has two high-precision, high-difficulty and high-tech disciplines in Beijing: Internet Information and Cultural Industry; three Beijing key primary disciplines: Journalism and Communication Studies, Art Theory, and Drama, Cinematic & Television Studies; four Beijing key secondary disciplines: Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, Communication and Information Systems, Electromagnetic Field and Microwave Technology, and Animation Studies; seven post-doctoral research programs; five primary discipline doctoral authorization points; 16 primary discipline master's authorization points; three types of doctoral professional degree authorizations; and 14 types of master's professional degree authorizations.

CUC has established several museums, including the Media Museum, the Advertising Museum, the Oral History Museum, and the China Animation Art Gallery, making it one of the campuses with the largest number of museums among Beijing universities.

【Program Duration】

The standard duration of professional master's degree programs at Communication University of China (CUC) is 2 years, with a maximum allowable study period of 4 years (including suspension of study and extensions). The standard duration of academic master's degree programs is 3 years, with a maximum allowable study period of 5 years (including suspension of study and extensions). The standard duration of professional doctoral degree programs is 4 years, with a maximum allowable study period of 6 years (including suspension of study and extensions).

【Eligibility】

1. All applicants must be non-Chinese citizens holding a valid foreign passport, be in good physical and mental health, demonstrate a friendly attitude toward China, and have no criminal record.
2. Applicants for master's degree programs are generally required to be under 40 years of age and hold a bachelor's degree.
3. Applicants for doctoral degree programs are generally required to be under 45 years of age and hold a master's degree.

【Language Proficiency】

1. **Applicants for Chinese-taught programs** must submit:
 - A scanned copy of an HSK Level 6 certificate with a total score of 180 or above (minimum score of 60 in each section), valid within two years; and
 - A scanned copy of an HSKK Advanced certificate with a minimum score of 60, valid within two years.
 - Applicants whose highest academic degree was taught in Chinese may be exempt from submitting HSK and HSKK certificates, provided that an official

certificate of the language of instruction issued by the awarding institution is submitted.

2. Applicants for English-taught programs:

- Native English speakers are exempt from submitting proof of English proficiency.
- Non-native English speakers must provide valid English proficiency test results, such as:
 - IELTS score of 6.5 or above, or
 - TOEFL iBT score of 85 or above, or
 - TOEIC score of 750 or above, or
 - Other equivalent English proficiency certificates.
- Non-native English speakers whose highest academic degree was taught in English are exempt from submitting IELTS/TOEFL scores but must provide an official certificate of the language of instruction issued by the awarding institution.

【Application Materials】

1. Application Form for International Postgraduate Admission of Communication University of China (automatically generated after registration in the CUC International Student Online Service System).
2. A recent colour ID photo with a white background (electronic version), no smaller than 640dpi × 480dpi.
3. A copy of the passport information page. The passport must be an ordinary passport valid for at least one year. Applicants currently studying in China must also provide a scanned copy of their visa or residence permit.

4. Application Guarantee Letter and Application Commitment Letter for International Postgraduate Admission of CUC (downloaded from the CUC International Student Online Service System).
 - The Guarantee Letter must bear the guarantor's handwritten signature.
 - The Commitment Letter must be fully and clearly completed and signed by the applicant.
 - Both documents must be uploaded in PDF format. Applications submitted without these two documents will not be accepted.
5. The highest academic degree certificate in Chinese or English (original or notarized copy).
 - Prospective graduates may submit a pre-graduation certificate.
 - If the original document is not in Chinese or English, a notarized Chinese or English translation must be provided.
 - The original degree certificate must be presented upon enrollment.
6. Academic transcripts, covering all coursework completed during undergraduate, master's (if applicable), and doctoral (if applicable) studies up to the most recent semester.
 - Transcripts must be issued and stamped by the academic affairs office, graduate school, or relevant student administration department of the institution attended.
 - If the original transcript is not in Chinese or English, a notarized Chinese or English translation must be provided.
 - Original transcripts must be presented upon enrollment.
7. Proof of language proficiency, as required under the "Language Proficiency Requirements" section.
8. Personal Statement (<https://icuc.cuc.edu.cn/2026/0108/c7292a266059/page.htm>).
9. Two letters of recommendation from professors or associate professors (scanned originals), written in Chinese or English.

10. Copies of published academic papers, awards, or other research achievements (if available).
11. A copy of the Foreigner Physical Examination Form
(<https://icuc.cuc.edu.cn/2025/1107/c7292a262096/page.htm>).
 - The original form should be retained by the applicant.
 - The form must be completed in Chinese or English and issued by authorized medical institutions.
 - Applicants must strictly follow the examination items specified in the form.
 - Forms with missing items, without a photo, without an official seal across the photo, or without signatures and stamps of the physician and hospital are invalid.
 - Examination results are valid for six months.
 - Sample to reference(<https://icuc.cuc.edu.cn/2025/1107/c7292a262096/page.htm>)
12. Certificate of No Criminal Record, issued by the public security authority of the applicant's home country and valid within the specified period, generally within six months prior to the application date. Applicants residing in China may submit a certificate issued by the local exit-and-entry administration authority.
13. Applicants with previous study experience in China must submit a certificate of academic performance issued by the former institution.
14. A master's thesis written in Chinese or English (for doctoral applicants only; prospective graduates may submit a draft version).
15. Any additional supplementary materials required by Communication University of China (see appendices for details).

【Important Notes】

1. After submitting the application, applicants who receive requests for supplementary materials must submit them before the application deadline.
2. Applicants are responsible for the authenticity and accuracy of all information and materials submitted. Any falsification or misrepresentation will result in disqualification from admission or revocation of student status after enrollment.
3. Some programs require additional materials; details are provided in the appendices.
4. Based on preliminary document review, applicants for certain programs may be required to attend online interviews organized by the respective schools (see appendices for interview requirements).
 - Applicants should closely monitor their email and notifications within the CUC International Student Online Service System.
 - For programs without interview requirements, expert panels will conduct document-based evaluations.
5. All original application materials must be presented upon enrollment for qualification verification.
 - If discrepancies or fraudulent practices are identified during verification, admission or student status will be revoked.

【Application Procedures】

1. Application Period

The CUC International Student Online Service System will be open from now until 24:00 (Beijing Time), May 15, 2026. The application submission time is based on the applicant's initial submission timestamp.

2. Application Steps

(1) Log in to the CUC International Student Online Service System (<https://cuc.17gz.org>) to complete the online application and upload required materials;

(2) Pay the application fee online (applications without payment will not be reviewed). Current CUC graduating students are exempt from the application fee;

(3) Await preliminary review, departmental academic evaluation, secondary review, and final admission decision.

【Additional Notes】

1. Each applicant may apply for only one program.
2. All information must be carefully reviewed before submission. Once submitted, no modifications are permitted.
3. Applicants should regularly check their email during the application period to avoid missing interview notifications (if applicable).
4. Please keep your username and password for the CUC International Student Online Service System secure for future inquiries regarding examination results and admission status.
 - International Student Affairs Center is unable to retrieve usernames or passwords on behalf of applicants.
5. Application fees are non-refundable.

【 Relevant Fees 】

1. Enrollment fee: CNY 800/student.

2. Tuition Fee

Level	Tuition Fee (per academic year)	Duration
Master's Degree	General Programs: RMB 27,000	Professional Master's: 2 years Academic Master's: 3 years
	Art Programs: RMB 35,000	

Doctoral Degree	General Programs: RMB 30,000	4 years
	Art Programs: RMB 45,000	

【 Beijing Government Scholarship 】

International undergraduate applicants who have not received any other form of tuition funding are eligible to apply for the Beijing Government Scholarship for International Students – Freshman Scholarship, which covers the annual tuition fee and comprehensive medical insurance fee. Prior to enrollment, students are not required to submit a separate application for the scholarship. The University will conduct the evaluation based on the application materials submitted by the applicant and the comprehensive assessment of experts from the relevant schools. The scholarship evaluation results will be issued together with the electronic version of the Admission Notice.

【Admission Principles and Enrollment Registration】

1. Admission Principles

The International Student Affairs Center of Communication University of China (CUC) will conduct a preliminary review of applicants' qualifications. Applications that pass the preliminary review will be forwarded to the relevant academic schools or departments. Each school will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the applicant's submitted materials and, where applicable, interview performance for the intended program, and will determine the list of proposed admitted candidates based on merit. After formal registration, the University will conduct a final verification of enrollment eligibility. Applicants who fail to meet the requirements upon verification will have their admission revoked in accordance with relevant regulations.

2. Admission Results and Issuance of Admission Documents

1. Applicants may log in to the CUC International Student Online Service System to check their admission results from June 22, 2026 onward.

2. Scanned electronic copies of the Official Admission Notice, JW202 Form, and other documents required for applying for a student visa to study in China will be issued progressively from July 2026.

3. Enrollment Registration

Admitted students must complete enrollment registration in strict accordance with the time schedule and documentation requirements stipulated by the University. Detailed information will be provided in subsequent notifications, including the *Freshman Enrollment Guide*.

Admission or enrollment will be cancelled under any of the following circumstances:

1. The applicant holds both a foreign nationality and the nationality of the People's Republic of China.
2. The original copies of application materials submitted at registration (excluding supplementary materials) fail to pass re-verification.
3. The admission notice, passport, academic degree certificates, or other enrollment documents are false or inconsistent, or the applicant has not obtained the required academic degree or does not meet the required language proficiency standards.
4. The visa held by the applicant does not comply with national regulations governing international students or may involve activities inconsistent with the visa category.
5. Failure to complete the confirmation procedures for the Foreigner Physical Examination Record with the designated Chinese health and quarantine authorities or failure to obtain a valid health certificate in accordance with Chinese health administration regulations.
6. Refusal to purchase the mandatory comprehensive medical insurance for international students in China as required by national regulations.
7. Other circumstances deemed inappropriate for enrollment.

【 Accommodation 】

Due to the limited availability of on-campus accommodation, specific reservation procedures for self-funded students will be provided in subsequent notifications from the International Student Affairs Office. International students opting for off-campus accommodation must ensure that they complete all legal and necessary procedures in accordance with relevant regulations.

【 Insurance 】

All admitted international students are required to purchase medical insurance that is valid within Mainland China. Students can make the purchase through the official website of [Study Abroad Insurance Network](#), with the coverage plan required being the 800 RMB per year per person; RMB 400 per semester per person.

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Enrollment information: <https://icuc.cuc.edu.cn/7289/list.htm>

International Student Affairs Center

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【Notes】

1. The above information applies **only to self-financed international postgraduate applicants**.
2. For applications under the **Chinese Government Scholarship**, please refer to the following documents:
 - *CUC 2026 Admission Guidelines for the Chinese Government Scholarship “High-Level Postgraduate Program” (Type B)*
 - *Chinese Government Scholarship Bilateral Program (Type A)*
---Pre-Admission Letter for CSC Scholarship

Appendix: Additional Application Materials and Online Interview Requirements for International Graduate Programs

School	Category	Major	Application Materials	Interview Requirements
School of Theatre, Film and Television	Master's Programs	All Majors	Submit audio-visual or written materials relevant to the chosen major.	Online interview required: Drama and Film Studies (Intelligent Audiovisual Creation) – English-taught
	Doctoral Programs			No interview required for other majors. Online interview required.
School of Broadcasting and Anchoring	Master's Programs	Drama and Film Studies (Broadcasting and Hosting)	Video Materials: 1. Self-introduction (within 1 minute); 2. Reading of a selected work (within 2	Evaluation will be conducted by a panel of faculty experts.

		Creation)	minutes); 3. Personalized talent presentation (e.g., special skills, within 2 minutes).	
School of International Studies	Master's Programs	English Translation	For Native English Speakers: 1. A scanned copy of the original HSK Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years. 2. Video materials: ① Self-introduction in Chinese and English (2 minutes each) ② A speech on a topic of your choice in Chinese (3 minutes) For Non-Native English Speakers: 1. Scanned copies of the original HSK Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years, as well as an English language proficiency certificate	Applicants who pass the review of the supplementary materials will be invited to attend a remote interview, which will assess their Chinese–English bilingual translation competence.

			and transcript issued within the last two years. 2. Video materials: a) Self-introduction in Chinese and English (2 minutes each) b) A speech on a topic of your choice in Chinese and English (3 minutes each)	
		English Language and Literature	For Native English Speakers: 1. A scanned copy of the original HSK Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years. 2. Video materials: ① Self-introduction in Chinese and English (2 minutes each) ② A speech on a topic of your choice in Chinese (3 minutes) For Non-Native English Speakers: 1. Scanned copies of the original HSK	Applicants who pass the first two components will be invited to participate in a remote interview, which will assess their professional knowledge and research competence.

			Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years, as well as an English language proficiency certificate and transcript issued within the last two years. 2. Video materials: a) Self-introduction in Chinese and English (2 minutes each) b) A speech on a topic of your choice in Chinese and English (3 minutes each)	
School of International Studies	Master's Programs	Foreign Linguistics and Applied Linguistics	For Native English Speakers: 1. A scanned copy of the original HSK Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years. 2. Video materials: ① Self-introduction in Chinese and English (2 minutes each) ② A speech on a topic of your choice in Chinese (3 minutes) For Non-Native English Speakers: 1. Scanned copies of the original HSK	Applicants who pass the first two components will be invited to participate in a remote interview, which will assess their professional knowledge and research competence.

			Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years, as well as an English language proficiency certificate and transcript issued within the last two years. 2. Video materials: a) Self-introduction in Chinese and English (2 minutes each) b) A speech on a topic of your choice in Chinese and English (3 minutes each)	
		Russian Language and Literature	For Applicants Whose Native Language Is Russian: 1. A scanned copy of the original HSK Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years. 2. Video materials: ① Self-introduction in Chinese, English, and Russian (2 minutes each) ② A speech on a topic of your choice in Chinese (3 minutes) For Applicants Whose Native Language Is	Applicants who pass the first two components will be invited to participate in a remote interview, which will assess their professional knowledge and research competence.

			Not Russian: 1. Scanned copies of the original HSK Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years, as well as a Russian language proficiency certificate and transcript issued within the last two years. 2. Video materials: a) Self-introduction in Chinese, English, and Russian (2 minutes each) b) A speech on a topic of your choice in Chinese, English, and Russian (3 minutes each)	
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School of International Studies	Master's Programs	Regionalism	For Applicants Whose Target Language Is Their Native Language: 1. A scanned copy of the original HSK Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years. 2. Video materials: ① Self-introduction in Chinese, English, and the target language (2 minutes each) ② A speech on a topic of your choice in Chinese (3 minutes) For Applicants Whose Target Language Is Not Their Native Language: 1. Scanned copies of the original HSK Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years, as well as language proficiency certificates and transcripts in the target language and English issued within the last two years. 2. Video materials: a) Self-introduction in Chinese, English, and the target language (2	Applicants who pass the first two components will be invited to participate in a remote interview, which will assess their professional knowledge and research competence.
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			minutes each) b) A speech on a topic of your choice in Chinese, English, and the target language (3 minutes each)	
	Doctoral Programs	Regionalism	1. Scanned copies of the original HSK Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years. 2. Scanned copies of foreign language and English proficiency certificates and transcripts issued within the last two years. 3. Video materials: ① Self-introduction in Chinese, English, and a foreign language (2 minutes each) ② Presentation of research proposal in Chinese (3 minutes) 4. Scanned copies of academic papers	Based on the level demonstrated in the first three items, the doctoral admissions unit will determine whether the applicant is eligible to participate in a remote interview, which will assess professional knowledge and research capability.

			published in scholarly journals within the last five years, scanned copies of books, proof of participation or leadership in research projects, or other materials demonstrating academic competence.	
School of Government and Public Affairs	Master's Programs	All Majors	No additional materials required.	No interview required.
	Doctoral Programs	All Majors	No additional materials required.	No interview required.
School of Music and	Master's Programs	Music	Submit original music compositions or a music event planning proposal.	Online interview required.

Recording Arts				
School of Journalism	Master's Programs	All Majors	No additional materials required.	Online interview (15–20 minutes), including self-introduction, research proposal, and Q&A.
	Doctoral Programs	All Majors	No additional materials required.	Online interview (15–20 minutes), including self-introduction, research proposal, and Q&A.
School of Humanities	Master's Programs	International Chinese Language Education	No additional materials required.	Online interview: 1. 3-minute self-introduction. 2. Research/practice plan during master's study.
	Doctoral Programs	Linguistics and Applied Linguistics	Submit research experience, achievements, and supporting documents.	Online interview: 1. 5-minute self-introduction; 2. Doctoral research proposal.
School of Information and Communication	Master's Programs	Journalism and Communication (Master's Program in International Communication for Developing	No additional materials required.	Online Interview: Assessment of professional knowledge in Journalism and Communication

		Countries)		
		Journalism and Communication (Chinese-Taught , All Specializations)		Online Interview: Assessment of professional knowledge in Journalism and Communication
		Publishing (All Specializations)	No additional materials required.	Online Interview: Assessment of professional knowledge in Publishing
		Communication (All Specializations)	No additional materials required.	Online Interview: Assessment of professional knowledge in Communication Studies
	Doctoral Programs	Communication (English-Taught)	No additional materials required.	Online interview: Assessment of professional knowledge and research capability.
		Communication (Chinese-Taught , All Specializations)	No additional materials required.	Online interview: Assessment of professional knowledge and research capability.
Institute of Arts	Master's Programs	All Majors	Requirements: 1. HSK Level 5 (minimum score 60 per section) and HSKK Intermediate (minimum 60 per section).	Online Interview The interview assesses professional competence, overall qualities, and Chinese listening and speaking ability.

	Doctoral Programs		2. Thesis abstract (in Chinese): Master's: Undergraduate thesis abstract. Doctoral: Master's thesis abstract and full text. 3. Research proposal (in Chinese).	1. Assessment of Professional Competence: Candidates will be tested on basic theories, professional knowledge, and skills in their field through randomly selected questions. 2. Assessment of Overall Qualities: Based on the materials submitted, the candidate's educational background, research or practical experience, and personal statement, an interactive Q&A will evaluate their ethics, professional qualities, research ability, psychological resilience, cultural literacy, and communication skills. 3. Assessment of Chinese Listening and Speaking Ability: Candidates will be tested on listening and speaking through randomly selected questions or interactive Q&A. 4. Duration: The total interview time is no less than 20 minutes per candidate, with professional competence and
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				overall qualities accounting for at least 15 minutes, and Chinese listening and speaking at least 5 minutes.
School of Information and Communication Engineering	Master's Programs	All Majors	For Native English Speakers: 1. Scanned copies of the original HSK Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years. 2. Video materials: (1) Self-introduction in Chinese and English (2 minutes each) (2) Presentation in Chinese of representative research achievements obtained in the past five years (3 minutes) For Non-Native English Speakers: 1. Scanned copies of the original HSK Level 6 certificate and transcript issued within the last two years, as well as English language proficiency certificate and transcript issued within the last two	Applicants whose supplementary materials meet the requirements will be invited to participate in a remote interview, which will professional knowledge and research capability.
	Doctoral Programs			

			years. 2. Video materials: (1) Self-introduction in Chinese and English (2 minutes each) (2) Presentation in Chinese of representative research achievements obtained in the past five years (3 minutes each)	
School of Information and Communication Engineering	Master's Programs	All Majors	No additional materials required.	No interview required.
	Doctoral Programs			
School of Advertising and Branding	Master's Programs	Journalism and Communication	Applicants are required to submit undergraduate transcripts and academic achievements relevant to the program, and provide evidence demonstrating their ability to	An interview is required, during which candidates must undergo a professional assessment. Performance in the interview must meet the program's standards and
		Advertising		

			conduct applied research in the field of brand marketing and communication, as well as to design and complete related research reports.	requirements.
		Design (2 years program)	Applicants are required to submit a portfolio (including at least three project works), a curriculum vitae (covering educational background and awards), and other supplementary materials, such as published papers or certificates of achievement, to support their application.	Applicants are required to participate in an interview and bring their portfolio. During the interview, the personal statement should clearly address the following three core points: 1. Curriculum vitae (CV) 2. Reasons for choosing this program at the university 3. Personal strengths and suitability for the program Interviewers will primarily base their questions on the personal statement and portfolio, with a focus on evaluating the authenticity of the content and the candidate's professional fit for the program.

		Design (3 years program)	Applicants are required to submit an academic CV, including educational background, core course grades, research focus, research experience, and significant awards, as well as other supporting academic materials.	Applicants are required to participate in an interview and bring their portfolio along with supporting academic evidence. During the interview, the personal statement should clearly address the following three core points: 1. Academic background and research interests 2. Reasons for choosing this program at the university and a three-year research plan 3. Core strengths and potential for innovation in the relevant academic field Interviewers will primarily base their questions on the personal statement, the depth of research in the portfolio, and the submitted academic achievements, with a focus on evaluating the originality, theoretical depth, and alignment with the program's academic focus.
School of Advertising	Doctoral Programs	Advertising	Applicants are required to submit academic transcripts and achievements relevant to the	An interview is required, during which candidates must undergo a professional

and Branding			program and provide evidence demonstrating their ability to conduct applied research in the field of brand marketing and communication, as well as to design and complete related research reports.	assessment. Performance in the interview must meet the program's standards and requirements.
		Design	Applicants are required to submit an academic CV, including educational background, core course grades, research focus, research experience, and significant awards, along with other supporting academic materials.	Applicants are required to participate in an interview and bring their portfolio along with supporting academic evidence. During the interview, the personal statement should clearly address the following three core points: 1. Academic background and research interests 2. Reasons for choosing this program at the university and a three-year research plan 3. Core strengths and potential for innovation in the relevant academic field Interviewers will primarily focus their questions on the personal statement, the depth of research presented in the portfolio, and the submitted academic achievements,

				with particular emphasis on the originality, theoretical depth, and alignment with the program’s academic focus.
School of Animation and Digital Arts	Master’s Programs	Art	Applicants are required to submit published academic papers, undergraduate theses, relevant creative works, and other materials that can demonstrate their academic research abilities.	Applicants whose materials pass the review will be notified to participate in an online interview, which will include a self-introduction and a presentation of their academic proposal.
		Design (3 years program)		
		Design (2 years program)	Applicants are required to submit creative works, published academic papers, and other materials that demonstrate their creative and research capabilities.	
		Drama and Film Studies		
	Doctoral Programs	Design	Applicants are required to submit published academic papers, master’s theses, relevant creative works, and other materials that can demonstrate their academic research abilities.	
		Drama and Film studies	Applicants are required to submit creative works, published academic papers, and other materials that demonstrate their creative and research capabilities.	
		Fine Arts and Calligraphy		
School of Cultural	Master’s Programs	Cultural Development	Applicants are required to submit relevant research achievements.	Online interview required.

Industries Management		and Communication		
		Journalism and Communication	Applicants are required to submit their personal creative works.	
		Law (Law Majored)	Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree in Law and provide documentation of relevant practical experience or achievements.	

