

Application Guidelines for International Chinese Teacher Scholarship of Communication University of China (CUC) 2026

To meet the growing international demand for Chinese language teachers, facilitate Chinese language education around the world, and support the professional development of Chinese language teachers, the Center for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) has established the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as the Scholarship) for eligible Chinese language teachers outside of China. Confucius Institutes, independent Confucius Classrooms, selected HSK test centers, foreign educational institutions, Chinese language teacher training programs/Chinese departments at foreign universities, professional associations for Chinese language teaching, Chinese embassies (consulates) abroad (hereinafter collectively referred to as Recommending Institutions) may recommend outstanding students and in-service Chinese language teachers to further their studies in international Chinese language education and related programs at the 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.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Be a Non-Chinese citizen;
2. Be friendly to China, have no criminal record, abide by the laws and regulations of China and the rules and regulations of the CUC;
3. Be in good physical and mental health, be in good academic and behavioral standing;
4. Be interested in Chinese language education and related work;
5. Be aged between 16 and 35 years on September 1, 2026. The maximum age limit for in-service Chinese teachers may be extended to 45, but those who apply for a scholarship for a Bachelor's degree shall be younger than 25 under most circumstances.

CATEGORIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Master's Degree in International Chinese Language Education

The program commences in September 2026, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of two academic years. Applicants shall hold a Bachelor's degree. Applicants shall have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK Test (Level 5) and 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level). Priority will be given to applicants who may provide an employment contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or proof to the same effect.

2. Bachelor's Degree in International Chinese Language Education

The program commences in September 2026, and the scholarship is provided for

a maximum of four academic years. Applicants shall hold a senior high school diploma and have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK Test (Level 4) and 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level). Priority will be given to applicants who may provide an employment contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or proof to the same effect.

3. One-Year Study Program

The program commences in September 2026, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of eleven months.

Applicants of international Chinese language education programs shall have a minimum score of 270 on the HSK test (Level 3), and an HSKK test score is required. Applicants of Chinese language and literature shall have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK test (Level 4) and 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level). Applicants of Chinese language study programs shall have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK test (Level 3), and priority will be given to applicants who have an HSKK test score.

4. One-Semester Study Program

The program commences either in September 2026 or March 2027, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of five months. Applicants of international Chinese language education, Chinese language and literature programs shall have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK test (Level 3), and an HSKK test score is required.

5. Four-Week Study Program

The program is scheduled to commence in either July or December 2026, with a maximum scholarship duration of four weeks. It offers multiple tracks, including Chinese Language Study and Chinese Language combined with a Chinese Family Experience. Applicants are required to hold a valid HSK score. Recommending institutions may arrange group applications and must contact CUC in advance to finalize the study plan in China, which should then be submitted to CLEC for prior approval. Each group should comprise 10 to 15 participants.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Online registration will be available from March 1, 2026, on the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship website (<http://www.chinese.cn>). You may search for Recommending Institutions and CUC; submit application materials online; and track the application process. The successful applicant must confirm with the CUC to go through the procedures of studying in China and register at the CUC on the designated date as per the Admission Notice.

Application Deadlines (Beijing Time) :

1. **July admission:** Student applications close April 15; Recommending/Host Institution reviews close April 25.
2. **September admission:** Student applications close May 15; Recommending/Host Institution reviews close May 25.
3. **December admission:** Student applications close September 15; Recommending/Host Institution reviews close September 25.
4. **March 2027 admission:** Student applications close October 31; Recommending/Host Institution reviews close November 10.

Centralised Review by Expert Panel: CLEC will commission an expert panel to conduct a centralised review. Funding decisions will be based on HSK and HSKK scores, while also considering geographical distribution and other factors. The review process will be completed, and results announced, approximately three months prior to enrollment.

POLICIES REGARDING IN-SERVICE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND CHINESE BRIDGE WINNERS

1. In-Service Chinese Language Teachers

In-service Chinese language teachers need to provide proof of employment and a

letter of recommendation from the employer, and priority will be given to them under the same conditions.

2. Chinese Bridge Winners

Applicants who have received the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship Certificate during Chinese Bridge competitions need to submit their application documents along with their scholarship certificates to CUC directly at the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship website.

For any further inquiries, please contact chinesebridge@chinese.cn.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. In principle, applicants who have received a similar scholarship within three years are not eligible for the One-Semester Study Program or One-Year Study Program.

2. Please consult CUC regarding specific professional training plans and teaching curricula.

3. Applicants must understand the specific admission requirements and application deadlines of the Communication University of China, and submit application materials according to relevant regulations.

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4. Degree students must complete their studies according to the requirements and participate in the annual evaluation each year. For details of the evaluation, please refer to the *Annual Assessment Procedures of the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship*.

5. Please contact Communication University of China for enrollment matters. Students who fail to pass the pre-enrollment medical examination, withdraw from school before completing the program, fail to register at the university without prior permission, or suspend their studies will be disqualified from the scholarship

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Appendix 1

Coverage and Standard for the International Chinese Language Teachers

Scholarship

The scholarship supports tuition, accommodation, living allowance (excluding four-week study program students) and comprehensive medical insurance.

1. The Host Institutions use the tuition fees for the education and management of scholarship recipients, cultural programming and HSK tests. The scholarships for online programs provide support for tuition fees only.

2. The Host Institutions use the accommodation fees to provide scholarship recipients with free on-campus accommodation (typically double rooms). Scholarship recipients may live off-campus upon application and approval from the Host Institutions. Under such circumstances, doctoral students are entitled to an accommodation allowance of RMB 1000 per person/month, and other students are entitled to RMB 700 per person/month paid on a monthly/quarterly basis by the Host Institutions.

3. The living allowance is paid to the scholarship recipients by the Host Institutions on a monthly basis. The monthly allowance for undergraduates, one-year study program students and one-semester study program students is RMB 2,500 per person; for master's students in International Chinese Language Education is RMB 3,000 per person; and for doctoral students in International Chinese Language Education is RMB 3,500 per person.

4. Scholarship recipients must register with the university within the period stipulated in the Letter of Admission. Otherwise, the scholarship will be revoked. Students registered before the 15th (inclusive) of the month are entitled to the full allowance of

that month, while those who are registered after the 15th are entitled to half of the amount.

5. If a scholarship recipient leaves China for more than 15 days for personal reasons during the study period (excluding summer and winter vacations), the living allowance during the period of absence from China will be suspended.

6. If a scholarship recipient is suspended or withdrawn from school for personal reasons or is subject to disciplinary action by the Host Institution, the living allowance from the date of suspension, withdrawal, or notification of disciplinary action will be suspended.

7. The living allowance for graduating students is paid until half a month after the graduation date set by the Host Institution.

8. The comprehensive medical insurance is purchased by the Host Institutions in accordance with applicable regulations on overseas students stipulated by the Ministry of Education of China. The insurance premium for four-week study program students is RMB 160 per person, that for one-semester study program students is RMB 400 CNY per person, and that for students studying more than one year is RMB 800 per person/year.

Appendix 2

List of Application Materials for the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship

A. For all applicants

1. A scanned copy of the passport photo page;
2. A scanned copy of score reports of the HSK/HSKK tests (within the two-year validity);
3. A reference letter by the head of the Recommending Institution.

B. For degree program applicants

1. A certificate of the highest diploma (or proof of expected graduation) and an official transcript;
2. Applicants of the Scholarship for a Master's Degree in International Chinese Language Education are required to provide two reference letters from professors or associate professors. Priority will be given to applicants who may provide an employment contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China.

C. In-service Chinese language teachers shall provide proof of employment and a reference letter from the employer.

D. Applicants under 18 shall provide certified documents of designation signed by their entrusted legal guardians in China.

E. Applicants shall provide additional documents as required by the Host Institutions.