

Doctoral Scholarships for Chinese Students

Université de Montréal (UdeM) and China Scholarship Council (CSC)

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China Scholarship Council

The China Scholarship Council (CSC) is a non-profit institution with legal person status affiliated with the Ministry of Education. The objective of the CSC is to provide—in accordance with the law, statutes and relevant principles and policies of China—financial assistance to the Chinese citizens wishing to study abroad and to the foreign citizens wishing to study in China in order to develop the educational, scientific and technological, and cultural exchanges together and economic and trade cooperation between China and other countries.

Partner Universities

The Doctoral Scholarship Program is offered to excellent candidates who will undertake studies at the Université de Montréal (UdeM). UdeM has signed an agreement with the CSC and the following fourteen institutions:

Beijing Normal University 北京师范大学
Central China Normal University 华中师范大学
China University of Political Sciences 中国政法大学
Fudan University 复旦大学
Nankai University 南开大学
Peking University 北京大学
Shandong University 山东大学

Shanghai Jiao Tong University 上海交通大学
Sichuan University 四川大学
Tianjin University 天津大学
Tongji University 同济大学
Tsinghua University 清华大学
Wuhan University 武汉大学
Xiamen University 厦门大学

Students from these fourteen universities and other Chinese universities who have an agreement with the CSC are welcome to apply for scholarships.

Admission and Scholarship Requirements

- Be citizens or permanent residents of China and accept to return to China after obtaining their Ph. D. degree at the UdeM.
- Be registered in one of the fourteen universities named above or another Chinese University who has an agreement with the CSC.
- Have excellent marks in previous studies.
- Have received a degree deemed equivalent to the master's from the UdeM.
- Present an outline for a research project: explaining the project as precisely as possible in order to verify if a research director is available as early as possible.
- Agree to be directed by a UdeM faculty member, who will guide their research and assist them in their choice of courses and work.
- Have a sufficient knowledge of the French language.¹
- Have sufficient knowledge of English and another language, if required by the program.

1. Applicants whose native language is not French or whose previous studies were not completed in French may be required to take a test to assess their knowledge of French. Test results are not eliminatory, barring exceptions.

Duration of Scholarship

The scholarship is awarded by UdeM's Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) and covers tuition fees (excluding registration fees, for example Admission fees or Student Association fees) during the 4 year² Ph. D. studies at the Université de Montréal (six full-time schooling semesters and six semesters for thesis writing).

CSC will consider their application for a living allowance as prescribed by the Chinese Government (which includes Student Health Coverage), a return airfare to Canada by the most economical route, and visa application fees.

In order to benefit from this award, students:

- Are required to be registered as a full-time student without interruption.
- Should not receive any other scholarship covering their tuition fees.
- Must hold a valid student permit for the duration of the scholarship.

Procedures and Guidelines

1 Admission General Procedures

1.1 Complete the Application Form

Submit your application online, into the institution where you wish to study:

UdeM (en français) : <https://admission.umontreal.ca/admission/>

UdeM (in English) : <https://admission.umontreal.ca/en/admissions/>

Instructions in English are available in [this guide](#).

Polytechnique : <https://www.polymtl.ca/futur/en/es/admission>

Information: <https://www.polymtl.ca/futur/en/es/finances#china>

HEC : <https://www.hec.ca/en/programs/online-admission/phd/step-1/index.html>

1.2 Pay Admission Fees

Methods of payment: Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard, Apple Pay or Google Pay

For more information about the admission fees, please visit the following [page](#).

1.3 Upload the Required Documents

After completing your admission form, it is important to upload any document asked. The following documents are needed for a complete admission application:

- ✓ Birth certificate (*certificat de naissance*)
- ✓ Official transcripts (*relevés de notes*)
- ✓ Additional documents to submit (*documents additionnels*)

2. Students whose registration exceeds the semesters mentioned above will be responsible for the additional tuition fees incurred.

Additional documents specific to each program may also be required. Make sure to consult the list of [additional documents required](#) for each program and include them with your application file if applicable.

1.4 Confirm Interest for the CSC Scholarship

After having submitted their admission application online, Chinese students **must inform Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS)** of their interest for the CSC doctoral scholarship as soon as possible.

- Confirmation should be sent to GPS (esp-international@umontreal.ca).
- Applicants must indicate a valid email address on the application form. UdeM will send all official documents by email only.

1.5 CSC online application

They also have to **complete the CSC online application** (<https://sa.csc.edu.cn/student/?S8cMF5lUCwGD=1729523197494#/login?redirect=%2Fhome>).

CSC has published the guidance note on the official website for the joint scholarship program: <https://www.csc.edu.cn/article/2958>

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1.6 Candidate Selection

The candidacies of those who receive an admission offer in a Ph. D. program (or Visiting Research Student) at the UdeM will be evaluated and referred by their home university to the China Scholarship Council for a scholarship.

2 Deadlines

Admission and Scholarship Applications will be accepted for the **fall semester only**. The deadlines for the admission procedures for fall 2025 are as follows:

- Admission application: 1st February 2025
- Admission or refusal letter to the student: 15 March 2025
- Application to CSC for funding: 31 March 2025
- Selection of scholars by CSC: May 2025

3 Important Information

3.1 Quebec University 3-Level System and Semesters

Levels

- Undergraduate studies last three to four years and lead to a bachelor's degree.
- Graduate studies last two to three years and most often lead to a master's degree.
- Doctoral level studies require a minimum of three to five years and lead to a Ph. D.

Semesters

The university year is divided into three semesters:

- Fall: September to December
- Winter: January to April
- Summer: May to August

3.2 Duration of Studies

Most doctoral students register for all three semesters every year, including summer. The duration of a Ph. D. program is normally from four to five years.

For more information about your program: coursework, pre-doctoral exam, length of studies, etc., please contact your program or your research supervisor.

3.3 Selecting a Ph. D. Program

Université de Montréal offers more than [80 programs at the doctoral level](#). The current scholarship program is not restricted to any specific fields of study.

3.4 Official Language

The official language at the UdeM is French. However, at the time of their admission, graduate students may request approval to write their thesis in English.

Students may register in French language courses in order to improve their proficiency in French. The [École de français](#) provides a dynamic education adapted to the students' needs.

4 Student Services

4.1 Contact at UdeM

For any information regarding the CSC Doctoral Scholarship Program, please contact:

Coordonnateur – International et stages postdoctoraux
Études supérieures et postdoctorales (ESP)
Université de Montréal
Email: esp-international@umontreal.ca

4.2 UdeM international (previously the *Foreign Student Office*)

The mandate of [UdeM international](#) is to help foreign students integrate into the Université de Montréal and Québec society. Its services are useful during the students' initial arrival, and throughout their stay at the University. UdeM international is the only place on campus where the staff's attention is exclusively focused on the needs of foreign students.

4.3 ZUM Résidences — *UdeM Dorms*

By choosing the ZUM Résidences, you will experience the best of both worlds: an interesting, lively social life combined with a safe and comfortable home environment, tailored to student needs. Located on the edge of the stunning Mont-Royal, and at the very heart of campus life, the residences are surrounded by trees, far from the bustling urban center, and offer an exceptional quality of life. Located close to the University's Athletic Complex (CEPSUM), the conveniently situated subway line and buses make downtown Montreal extremely accessible. The studios are furnished and high-speed Internet access is available. You can [register online](#).

4.4 Logement hors campus — *Off-Campus Housing*

The Services à la vie étudiante (*Student Services*) update online listings of available apartments for rent, apartments to share and rooms for rent. Visit their [website](#).

You can also go to the *Logement hors campus*' offices where knowledgeable staff will answer any questions you may have regarding housing.

4.5 Services de santé — *Health Services*

Complete health-care services are available to you on campus: general and specialized medicine, HIV and STD prevention, vaccination and travel health as well as nursing care, nutrition advice, physical therapy, radiology and lab tests. All of these services are conveniently offered under one roof, at the [health-care centre](#), located near the Édouard-Montpetit metro station.