

Doctoral Scholarships for Chinese Students

Université de Montréal (UdeM) and

China Scholarship Council (CSC)

2026 – 2027

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), Polytechnique Montréal or HEC. These institutions have signed an agreement with the CSC; students from 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, Polytechnique or HEC.
- Be registered in a 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 these institutions.
- Present an outline for a research project, explaining the project as precisely as possible, to verify if a research director is available as early as possible.
- Agree to be directed by a UdeM, Polytechnique or HEC 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 a sufficient knowledge of English and another language, if required by the program.

Duration of Scholarship

The scholarship is awarded by UdeM, Polytechnique or HEC's Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS), and covers tuition fees (excluding registration fees, for example Admission fees, Student Association fees, or miscellaneous student fees) during the 4 years² Ph.D. studies at UdeM, Polytechnique or HEC (six full-time schooling semesters and six full-time semesters for thesis writing).

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.

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

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 application fees **at UdeM**, please visit the following [page](#).

1.3 Upload the Required Documents

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

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

Additional documents specific to each program may also be required. Make sure to consult the **UdeM** [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 their institution's 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>

(2024 年国家留学基金委与加拿大蒙特利尔大学合作奖学金项目指南)

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, Polytechnique or HEC 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 2026 are as follows:

- Admission application: 1st February 2026
- Admission or refusal letter to the student: 15 March 2026
- Application to CSC for funding: 31 March 2026
- Selection of scholars by CSC: May 2026

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 to improve their proficiency in French. The UdeM [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 at the very heart of campus life, the residences 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](#) (in French only).

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 these services are conveniently offered under one roof, at the [Health-Care Centre](#) (Centre de santé et de consultation psychologique), located near the Édouard-Montpetit metro station.