

UWA – CSC Scholarship Round 2026

Advice for Applicants

Introduction

The China Scholarship Council (CSC), in partnership with The University of Western Australia (UWA), offers a limited number of PhD Research Scholarships in 2026 for outstanding applicants from the People's Republic of China who wish to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at UWA.

- UWA will provide a Tuition Fee Scholarship covering the cost of course tuition and a top-up living allowance (stipend).
- CSC will provide a scholarship package including a living allowance, return airfare, and overseas student health insurance.

For more information about CSC funding including application process and deadline, please visit: <https://apply.csc.edu.cn/>.

Important dates:

Applications open:	1 November 2025 (9:00am AWST)
Applications close:	31 January 2026 (11:59pm AWST)
Ranking:	1 February – 28 February 2026
Offers issued:	from 1 March 2026
Commencement:	from July 2026

Eligibility

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must:

- meet the PhD course admission requirement;
- meet the English language requirement, by the scholarship application deadline, including submitting official test results;
- have completed, or on track to complete in June 2026, a Masters degree in China with a weighted mark of at least 85, and that includes a substantial research thesis component;
- obtain support from a UWA academic staff member willing to supervise their research.

Notes:

- (i) other qualifying degrees may be considered, for example: an Australian Honours degree.
- (ii) a bachelor's degree completed in China does not meet the PhD admission requirement at UWA.
- (iii) applications received after the closing date and those application that are incomplete and missing required supporting documentation, will not be accepted.

Selection criteria

The UWA HDR Scholarships Committee awards scholarships based on:

- academic achievement;
- research potential demonstrated by relevant research experience, publications and related accomplishments; and
- availability of appropriate supervisors, research facilities, equipment, funding and resources.

Priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate that their proposed research aligns with academic priority areas identified by both CSC and UWA.

How to apply

Step 1: Check eligibility and requirements

- Review the admission requirement and course rules on the [UWA Handbook](#).
- Confirm you meet the [English language requirement](#).

Step 2: Find and secure academic supervisors

The role of supervisors is to provide expert guidance to support and develop your research and monitor your progress at each stage. There needs to be a good alignment between their area of expertise and your research project.

- Identify potential supervisors by reviewing their research profiles on the [UWA Research Repository](#).
- Contact potential supervisors with your CV, research proposal, and academic transcripts. Your nominated supervisor may request an interview.
- Obtain written confirmation (e.g., email) from a supervisor agreeing to supervise your project.
- Applications without confirmed supervision will not be considered.
- Use the [UWA People Finder](#) to locate the contact details of your identified potential academic supervisor/s if these are not included in the Repository.

For a variety of reasons, supervision may be unavailable, and not all applicants will be successful in finding a supervisor.

Step 3: Prepare required documents

Upload all documents in PDF format, including:

- Resume (CV) with contact details of two academic referees
- Passport bio page, or birth certificate, or citizenship certificate, or Australian visa (if applicable)
- Evidence of name change (if transcripts or documents are under a different name)
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Official academic transcripts and degree certificates (including grading scale) for all tertiary education (including incomplete degrees)
- Thesis or dissertation (with an abstract in English translation)
- Documents in a language other than English apart from the thesis/dissertation, must include an official translated version

Step 4: Apply

Apply for your selected course and the 2026 UWA-China PhD Research Scholarship via the online [HDR application portal](#).

Step 5: Outcome

Successful applicants will receive a Conditional Letter of Offer to the UWA HDR course. This needs to be included in your application to the CSC.

The CSC will notify successful scholarship recipients directly according to the CSC timetable.

Conditions of scholarship application:

- Applications open and close according to the specified Australian Western Standard Time.
- Academic documents must meet [UWA's scanning and authenticity requirements](#).
- Original transcripts and certificates may be requested for verification.
- Applications are final upon submission; no edits or document changes allowed after submission.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.
- Applications apply only to UWA and remain the University's property.

Frequently asked questions

I do not currently meet the UWA English language requirements, can I apply now and submit the English test result later?

No, your application will not be eligible if you have not met UWA English requirements. You must provide evidence of satisfactory English test results in your application before 31 Jan 2026.

I have not completed my Master's degree yet and do not have the final academic documents, am I eligible to apply?

You are eligible to apply if you will complete your Master's degree by mid-2026, and if your current weighted average mark meets the minimum requirement for CSC scholarship. Please provide a copy of your current academic transcript and a copy of your thesis in the application.

When will I receive an offer from UWA?

Offers will be issued approximately 6 weeks after the scholarship closing date.

Do I accept UWA's Letter of Offer?

The Letter of Offer issued by UWA will be conditional upon you receiving the CSC Scholarship. Therefore, you must wait until after CSC announces the scholarship winners before accepting UWA's offer (if successful).

When will I know if I am successful?

The CSC will announce the scholarship winners by 30 June 2026. UWA does not provide individual application status updates.

How many scholarships are available?

There is a maximum of 30 scholarships available. Not all applicants to UWA will be successful in receiving a Letter of Offer.

Contact and further information

Useful links:

- [HDR Application Portal](#)
- Guide on how to submit an application - [UWA HDR Application Portal Guide.pdf](#)
- [English language requirement](#)
- [UWA Handbook](#)
- [UWA Student Policies](#)
- [UWA Student Procedures](#)

Contact:

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