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With a view to further strengthening exchanges and cooperation between China and other developing countries, and fostering high-end business officials and managerial personnel for the recipient countries, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China has set up MOFCOM Scholarship sponsoring the young and the middle-aged talents from developing countries to pursue their postgraduate degree education in China. Now *2024 MOFCOM Scholarship* enrollment is underway.

1. Brief Introduction of MOFCOM Scholarship—University Direct Enrolment Program

Administered and implemented by relevant universities, including 38 projects implemented by designated universities (please refer to **attachment 1** "2024 List of MOFCOM Degree Education Program"), of which 37 are Master's degree projects and one Doctor's degree project.

2. Eligibility for Applicants

- 1) be a citizen of a developing country other than the People's Republic of China;
- 2) under the age of 45 (born after September 1, 1979) when applying the scholarship;
- 3) be in sound physical and mental health, and not having any disease listed below:
 - a. Diseases prohibited by Chinese Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations

- b. Severe chronic diseases like blood pressure, cardio-cerebrovascular disease, diabetes; psychological diseases; or other infectious diseases which may harm public health
 - c. In recovery period after major surgery or acute disease attacks
 - d. Severe physically disabled
 - e. Pregnancy
- 4) With at least 3 years' working experience;
 - 5) be a bachelor's degree holder when applying for master's program; be a master's degree holder when applying for doctoral program;
 - 6) be sufficient in English (IETS 6.0 or TOEFL 80 and above level) which meets the academic requirements of the program;
 - 7) Be public officials of director level and above in government sectors, or senior management staff of organizations, or academic backbones of universities and research institutions;
 - 8) Be incumbents with a relevant educational background or working experience to the applied program are preferred.

3. Scholarship Coverage

- 1) tuition fee, teaching material fee, research and survey fee, dissertation guidance fee;
- 2) on-campus accommodation;
- 3) one-off resettlement fee: 3000RMB per person;
- 4) Monthly stipend:
 - 36000RMB per year per master student (i.e. 3000RMB per month)
 - 42000RMB per year per PhD student (i.e. 3500RMB per month);
- 5) Free medical insurance;
- 6) One-time round-trip international airfare (First time fly to China after enrollment, and Fly back to home country while graduation), and a maximum of "n-1" ("n" is for the length of schooling year which is set while the student was enrolled by the program) round-trip international airfares for home visits (one time per year set at the end of an academic year);
- 7) Then annual review is compulsory for all students. Those who pass the review may continue to enjoy full scholarship in the next year.
- 8) The following expenditure should be borne by applicants:
 - Luggage overweight fee;

- flight tickets refund & endorsement fee due to personal reasons;
- Passport and visa fees.

4. Application Documents

- 1) Application Form for MOFCOM Scholarship. Ensure you have both submitted it online and printed the hard copy.
- 2) Photocopy of highest diploma;
- 3) Photocopy of academic transcripts;
- 4) A Study Plan or Research proposal;
- 5) CV;
- 6) Two recommendation letters, including one from current employer and one from academic perspective;
- 7) Photocopy of Foreigner Physical Examination Form (Attachment 4);
- 8) Photocopy of English proficiency certificate;
- 9) Photocopy of a valid **private passport**;
- 10) **Non-Criminal Record Report** issued by local public security authority which is issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application;
- 11) Written request addressed to the Economic and Commercial Office of Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter and clearly state:
 - a) Whether the applicant is willing to be considered for a similar program at other universities if the applied programs could not accept the applicant;
 - b) Other special requests if any.

5. Application Procedures

Applicants should visit online application system of the applied university and fill in the application form (please refer to **Attachment 2** “Enrolment guidance of university”). Then applicants should visit online application system of China Scholarship Council (CSC) at www.campuschina.org and register for an account through “Scholarship Application for Students), select Program Category **Type B-Chinese Government Scholarship** and fill in the application form (**each university has a unique agency No.**, applicants should make sure they choose the correct agency Number). The web link for enrolment guide of each university is <http://www.china-aibo.cn/en/info/1005/1234.htm>

6. Application deadline and Admission

- 1) The application will be open until **06 June 2024**;
- 2) Scholarship winners will get the admission package from the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office *by the end of August, 2024*, and must register at the host university before the deadline which is usually *September, 2024*.

7. Others

- 1) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.
- 2) An original copy of degrees, transcripts, Foreigner Physical Examination Form and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification.
- 3) Applicants will get back all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and photocopies from the Economic and Commercial Office of Chinese Embassy. If admitted, students must take the documents to China and submit them to the University for verification and archive during registration.
- 4) No explanation will be given on the enrollment result.
- 5) All the applicants must obtain the approval and be recommended by relevant government authorities or organizations.
- 6) All the necessary application documents should be submitted to ERD and ERD will write a nomination letter to ECCO of Chinese Embassy.
- 7) Bringing spouse or other dependent for accompanying is not allowed during the students' study in China. The scholarship will not cover any cost of visits to China by students' spouses and children.
- 8) Applications without the recommendation from ECCO of Chinese Embassy will not be considered.
- 9) Instructions for applications who are admitted will be explained in the admission letter and documents.

It would be highly appreciated if the ERD, Ministry of Finance could kindly submit

nomination letter and all necessary documents of the applicants for the Scholarship before *18 May 2024*.

The Economic and Commercial Office of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ERD, Ministry of Finance the assurance of its highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized Chinese characters, likely representing Tang Yandi.

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