

China Three Gorges Scholarship Regulations

CHAPTER I

SCOPE, ELIGIBILITY, BENEFITS AND SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

Article 1- Scope

1. The present regulation sets forth the applicable rules for the implementing by the Universities of Porto, Lisboa and Coimbra of a scholarship (the “**China Three Gorges Scholarship**” or “**CTG Scholarship**”) intended to subsidize students from those institutions that wish to obtain a Master Degree or a Ph.D in Chinese Universities in several areas of knowledge, including, without limitation, Chinese language and culture, arts, history, archeology, economy, management, engineering and architecture.
2. The CTG Scholarships aims to stimulate the recent graduates from each of the Universities to continue their Postgraduate studies in Chinese universities, contributing to the valorization of the academic education strongly set in research, to value the social and economic knowledge and the active involvement in the community’s progress.

Article 2 – CTG Scholarship

1. The CTG Scholarship to be granted to each Beneficiary is of EUR 25.000 (twenty five thousand euros) for a period of two academic years.
2. The CTG Scholarship will be paid by each of the Universities to the Beneficiaries in monthly installments.
3. Each Beneficiary will not be entitled to any amounts, of any nature, including cost, expenses, taxes, duties, indemnifications, penalties or otherwise, above EUR 25.000 (twenty five thousand euros).

Article 3 -Eligibility conditions

1. The CTG Scholarship is aimed preferably at recent graduates from the Universities of Porto, Lisboa and Coimbra that have had contact with Chinese language and culture and want to deepen their knowledge of Chinese culture and reality and have been admitted by a Chinese university at the time of application for the scholarship.
2. The candidates to Beneficiaries should meet the following cumulative criteria:
 - a) Be a Portuguese Citizen;
 - b) Have graduated from the University of Porto, Lisboa or Coimbra, as applicable, up to the academic year immediately prior to the first year of studies in the Chinese University;
 - c) Have graduated from the University of Porto, Lisboa or Coimbra, as applicable, with a grade of at least 14 out of 20 in a first cycle or second cycle programme;
 - d) Have been admitted or at least present the proof of application to a Master or Ph.D programme at a Chinese university;
 - e) Possess a fluent level of written and spoken English (level B2 of CEFR) and/or basic knowledge of Mandarin according to the requirements of the course applied;
 - f) Have a comprehensive study plan for the course applied;
 - g) Have two (2) recommendation letters by the professors of previous courses;
 - h) Not be the holder of any other scholarship.
3. Each University may set forth additional academic criteria for the purposes of selecting the Beneficiaries in each Call.

4. Former graduates from the University of Porto, Lisboa or Coimbra, as applicable, may also be considered, even though recent graduates shall prefer over them.
5. Only the applications submitted in full compliance with the terms and conditions of these Regulations will be analysed.

Article 4 - Vacancy

1. The CTG Scholarship vacancy per University' candidates is 3 (three) scholarships per call.
2. The CTG Scholarship will be granted under two calls, one for the academic years 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 and the other for the academic years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.
3. On each call, 1 (one) additional CTG scholarship may be granted to a candidate from either of the Universities of Porto, Lisboa or Coimbra, provided that CTG PT grants additional financial support to said University for the purposes of the granting of 1 (one) additional CTG scholarship to a Beneficiary to be selected in accordance with the rules and principles set forth in these Regulations.
4. Any eventual vacancy, including due to the lack of sufficient or proper candidates, shall be left in blank and shall not accrue to the following call.

CHAPTER II APPLICATIONS

Article 5 - Open call and applications period

The call for the CTG scholarships for the academic years of 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 is open from the 29th of March till the 30th of April 2017.

Article 6 - Applications submission

1. The scholarships applications must be submitted only by e-mail to each University.
2. The applicants must include in the application the following documents:
 - a) Application letter which presents the address, e-mail and telephone contact;
 - b) Copy of the certificate or attestation that proves the obtained academic degree and the respective translation into English. In case the degree has not yet been obtained the applicants can deliver a Transcript of Records;
 - c) Curriculum Vitae in English;
 - d) Letter of admission or at least present the proof of application to the Chinese university;
 - e) Two letters of Reference (Letters of Reference);
 - f) Health certificate for the purposes of studying abroad.
 - g) Documents that attest:
 - i. "has comprehensive study plan for the course applied";
 - ii. "has a fluent level of written and spoken English and/or basic knowledge of Mandarin according to the requirements of the course applied;
 - iii. Compliance with any further requirements set forth in these regulations.
 - h) Copy of the Identity card/ Citizen card.
3. Until July 17, under penalty of exclusion, applicants must submit:
 - a) Letter of admission of Chinese University;
 - b) Certificate or attestation that proves the obtained academic degree and the respective translation into English;
 - c) Medical certificate attesting the health conditions of the applicant, for the purposes of studying abroad.

4. Only the full applications and submitted in the open call period will be considered. It is of the exclusive responsibility of the applicants to confirm that the application is concluded until the end of the relevant deadline.

CHAPTER III

Jury

Article 7- Jury

1. The Jury of the Call will be composed by three members of the relevant University.
2. One of the members will chair the Jury and has quality vote.
3. The Jury is nominated by the Rector of the relevant University, who shall also appoint the Chairman of the Jury and the member of the Jury who shall take the Chair of the Jury in the absences and impediments of the Chairman.
4. It is the Jury responsibility to secure the conduction of the evaluation procedure and the applications selection, since the day of their nomination until the presentation of the final results list.
5. It is further the Jury responsibility to carry out the following actions:
 - a. To admit and exclude the applications to the Call, writing and explaining the respective deliberations;
 - b. To guide the evaluation and selection procedures;
 - c. To ensure access to the minutes of the meetings and the documents and the certificates issuance or the certified reproductions according to the Administrative Procedure Code to the applicants.
6. The Jury deliberates with the participation and presence of all its members and the respective resolutions must be decided by the majority of its members. The members of the Jury can participate in the meetings through telematic means or telecommunications (videoconference), whenever there are technical conditions.
7. The Jury resolutions must be well-founded and written, and the applicants may have access to the minutes and documents, in accordance with the applicable law.

CHAPTER IV

SELECTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFICIARIES

Article 8- Selection

The beneficiaries of the CTG Scholarship (“**Beneficiaries**”) will be selected by the relevant University. The relevant University will publish for each call the exact selection criteria, composition of the Jury and calendar for the selection process.

Article 9 – Selection process

1. The selection process is of the responsibility of the Jury nominated by the Rector of the relevant University.
2. The selection process shall consist in a general review of all the applications received and attached documents, analysis of their compliance with the established regulation standards and with the application instructions, curricular evaluation and preliminary analysis of the study objectives description and the motivation personal text. This evaluation is eliminatory.

Article 10–Publication of results

1. The preliminary results of the selection process will be published by notice until 30 working days after the deadline for applications and published in the Universities' respective website;
2. After the publication of the preliminary results, the applicants have a period of 10 working days to pronounce in a preliminary hearing, as established in the Code of the Administrative Procedure.

CHAPTER V

DUTIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFICIARIES

Article 11 –Scholarship beneficiaries' duties

In addition to others set forth in these Regulations, the Beneficiaries of the CTG Scholarship shall have the following duties:

- a) Sign the financial contract with the University before the departure;
- b) Submit a study progress report per semester to the respective University, until the end of the month immediately after the last month of the relevant semester;
- c) If requested by the respective University, submit the scientific report or reports by his/her research work's advisor at the hosting university, within a reasonable deadline as set out by the respective University;
- d) Submit the final study progress report by sending it to the respective University within 30 (thirty) days as of the conclusion of the course;
- e) Always indicate or specify in any scientific work in which he/she may participate, in a full or only partial manner, that he/she is a Beneficiary of the CTG Scholarship;
- f) Communicate to the respective University any alteration of his/her bank account to which the scholarship installments are being or should be transferred;
- g) Obtain the legal authorization to stay in the Chinese territory during the respective CTG Scholarship validity period;
- h) Abide and comply with by the laws, rules and regulations of the People's Republic of China as well as of the Chinese universities or schools in which he/she is attending the course;
- i) Immediately notify the respective University in case he/she is the subject of any claims, complaints, punishment, reprimand or penalty (including due to improper behavior) by the hosting university or by the Chinese Authorities.

Article 12 – Beginning and study's conclusion

1. The CTG scholarships granted cannot be postponed; as such the respective Beneficiary is obligated to initiate and conclude his/her studies within the academic years for which he/she has received the CTG scholarship, on pain of cancelation of the relevant scholarship.
2. The Beneficiary is further obligated to conclude the Master degree program or the Ph.D programme for which he/she has received the scholarship, under the penalty of refund of the total or partial amount of the scholarship to the respective University.
3. After the conclusion of the Degree the Beneficiary must deliver to the respective University a copy of the certificate that proves the completion of the program.

CHAPTER VI

CANCELATION AND SUSPENSION

Article 13 – Cancellation and suspension

1. The CTG Scholarship granted to each of the Beneficiaries may be cancelled by the respective University:
 - a) In case the Beneficiary fails to comply with any of his/her duties as set out in these Regulations (including, without limitation, failure to complete the Master degree program or the Ph.D programme for which he/she has received the scholarship);
 - b) In case the Beneficiary is the subject of any claims, complaints, punishment, reprimand or penalty (including due to improper behavior) by the hosting university or by the Chinese Authorities;
 - c) In case the Beneficiary drops out of the programme of enrollment or is expelled from the hosting university.
2. In case of cancellation of the CTG Scholarship granted to a Beneficiary all transfers of the scholarship installments will immediately be cancelled. In the case foreseen in item c. of number 1, the respective University shall be entitled to the full refund of the amounts granted to the Beneficiary under the relevant CTG Scholarship.

CHAPTER VII

VISA

Article 14 - Visa requirements

All Beneficiaries should obtain the legal authorization to stay in China during the scholarship validity period. The costs for obtaining the visa are of the Beneficiaries' responsibility.

CHAPTER VIII

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 15– Enforceability

These Regulations shall come into force when approved by the Rector of the University.