

Chinese Language Scholarship Opportunity for 2019/20

Dear Colleague

The Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools and our Chinese partners – The Tianjin Municipal Education Commission and The Tianjin Normal University are delighted to offer selected Scottish young people a one-year scholarship to learn Chinese in Tianjin for the academic year 2019-2020. This life changing opportunity is the only one of its kind offered to schools in any European country by our partners in Tianjin and rewards the commitment that Confucius Classroom Hubs in Scotland have demonstrated in the promotion of Chinese language and culture.

I. Full scholarship will include:

- One year's tuition fees
- Shared accommodation
- Food allowance
- Initial visa cost in the UK

II. What each student will pay:

- International air travel - return from Scotland to Beijing. Applicants are expected to meet all their own international travel costs.
- Residence permit
- Registration fee
- Health check
- Textbooks
- Gap year insurance (health, travel and belongings)
- Spending money for travel, entertainment etc.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be non-Chinese nationals from a non-native Chinese speaking background.
- Applicants should currently be enrolled in sixth year in a Scottish school in an authority with a Confucius Classroom Hub.
- Applicants must have an ability to demonstrate a commitment to learning Mandarin and ideally have experience of learning it at a minimum of SCQF 3. This could be

either studying for an SQA qualification or evidence of self-study through online learning.

- Applicants must hold a valid passport and be eligible for a Chinese visa.
- Applicants must be committed to spending **one academic year** in Tianjin, China from September 2019 to July 2020.

Conditions of the scholarship *

Successful scholars will be expected to:

- Write a monthly blog about their experience.
- Attend all classes and examinations for the duration of the scholarship.
- Participate in events organised by CISS or the partner university while in China.
- Respect and adhere to the Tianjin Scholarship Code of Conduct
- Be willing to be part of the CISS alumni group after successful completion of the scholarship.

**Failure to abide by the conditions of the scholarship could lead to funding being withdrawn at any point*

Criteria for application

Essential	Desirable
Ability to demonstrate a commitment learning Mandarin	Interest in and commitment to learning about other languages and cultures
Ability to demonstrate digital literacy	Ability to represent the values of the university of Strathclyde and CISS
Ability to demonstrate adaptability and self-reliance	Experience of staying away from home
Ability to demonstrate an international outlook and global citizenship	Involvement in a range of extra-curricular activities
Sensitivity and openness to other cultures	Mandarin at SCQF 3 or above
Demonstration of leadership skills and ability to work with others	Experience of operating in an international environment
Experience of being a positive role-model	

Application Documents

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools **by Monday, 5 November 2018:**

1. Completed application form with photograph (applications should not be handwritten)
2. Two reference letters of recommendation. One reference should be from the Headteacher of your school and the other reference should be non-school based, e.g. an employer, sports coach, youth leader. (References must be submitted with the application)

Any incomplete or handwritten applications will not be considered

Guidance for referees

When writing a reference for candidates, please consider the following:

- Suitability of the candidate to spend 10 months abroad in a learning environment
- Resilience
- Attendance and punctuality

Approval and Notification

Candidates will be selected for interview based on the strength of their application by the Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools and the Tianjin Municipal Education Commission. Successful candidates will be interviewed at the University of Strathclyde before the end of November 2018. Please note that referees may be contacted before a decision is made.

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