

BRIDGE TO CHINA

COMPLETE GUIDE 2027

Studying in China: scholarships, admission, budget, visa and settlement

Everything you need to prepare a strong application, 2027 intake

Bridge to China — Guidance and support for studying in China bridgetochina.net

1. Why choose China for your studies

Studying in China gives international students access to a wide range of university programs, in fields such as engineering, computer science, artificial intelligence, business, medicine and the sciences.

Chinese universities also offer several funding options: the Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC), university scholarships and provincial scholarships. Conditions, amounts and criteria vary by program and institution.

Bridge to China support

Bridge to China helps candidates understand admission requirements, select programs suited to their profile, prepare their application file, and organize each step of their study project in China.

2. The 3 funding paths

Three main options exist to fund your studies in China, from full funding to self-financing. The right choice depends on your academic profile, budget and timeline.

Full Scholarship — Highly competitive funding

Types of full scholarships

- Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC) - the most prestigious
- Local government scholarships (Shanghai, Beijing, etc.)
- University excellence scholarships

Covered benefits

- Full tuition fees - entirely covered
- Free housing - university dormitory room
- Monthly stipend: Bachelor ~2,500 RMB, Master ~3,000 RMB, PhD ~3,500 RMB
- Comprehensive medical insurance - mandatory and provided
- Registration and service fees covered

Eligibility criteria

- Academic excellence - a solid school record
- Age limit: Bachelor under 25, Master under 35, PhD under 40
- Language level - HSK (Chinese) or IELTS/TOEFL (English)
- Recommendation letters - 2 letters required
- Medical certificate mandatory

Partial Scholarship — More accessible

Types of partial scholarships

- Partial CSC Scholarship - covers certain items
- University scholarships (Jasmine, Great Wall, etc.)
- Local government scholarships

Possible benefits

- Tuition fees only (most common case)
- Tuition fees + housing, depending on the program
- Partial reduction (e.g. 50% off tuition fees)

- Reduced monthly stipend (less common)

Self-funded enrollment — Freedom and flexibility

Advantages

- Freedom of choice - all universities and majors
- Simplified process - faster admission
- Less pressure - no strict maintenance conditions
- Ideal fallback - if a scholarship is not obtained

Comparing the options

Option	Advantage	Drawback	Ideal for
Full scholarship	Everything is covered	Very competitive	Excellent academic profiles
Partial scholarship	More accessible	Partial coverage	Good academic profiles
Self-funded	Total freedom	Higher cost	All profiles

3. Estimated budget (self-funded)

For candidates who choose or receive partial self-financing, here are indicative cost ranges in China.

Tuition fees (per year)

Level	Program in Chinese	Program in English (+20 to 50%)
Bachelor	8,000 – 25,000 RMB	10,000 – 40,000 RMB
Master / PhD	12,000 – 35,000 RMB	15,000 – 50,000 RMB

Housing costs (per year)

Housing type	Price range
University dorm - double room	4,000 – 12,000 RMB / year
University dorm - single room	1,500 – 4,000 RMB / month
City apartment - provincial city	1,000 – 2,500 RMB / month
City apartment - major city	2,000 – 6,000 RMB / month

Other common expenses

Item	Estimate
Medical insurance	600 – 1,200 RMB / year
Cost of living - provincial city	1,000 – 2,500 RMB / month
Cost of living - major city	2,000 – 3,500 RMB / month
Cost of living - comfortable lifestyle	3,500 RMB and above / month

Amounts given as indicative estimates (RMB), varying by city, university and lifestyle. An accurate estimate requires your complete application file.

4. Bridge to China admission process

Our admission process is designed to be simple and transparent. Here are the 4 main steps, from filing your application to your arrival in China.

1. Application submission — 200,000 FCFA (~360 USD)

Non-refundable fee, used to review and process your application file.

- Valid passport (at least 6 months)
- Highest diploma obtained
- Official transcripts
- 4.5 × 3.5 cm ID photo, white background
- Recommendation letters (Master/PhD)
- Clean criminal record
- Medical certificate
- Bank statement (minimum 15,000 USD)
- Motivation letter
- Curriculum vitae
- CSCA (China Scholastic Competency Assessment)

Good to know

All documents must be translated into English or Chinese by a certified translator.

2. Submission to universities — Duration: 2 to 14 days

Our team carries out an in-depth review to select the best-matching universities for your profile, then prepares and submits your file to Chinese standards.

- Review of your academic profile and goals
- Selection of suitable universities
- Preparation of the file to Chinese standards
- Submission to admission committees

3. Admission letter — Official documents

Upon receiving the official admission letter and the JW202/JW201 form (needed for the visa), agency fees apply depending on the type of admission obtained.

- Self-funded enrollment: 400,000 FCFA
- Partial scholarship: 600,000 FCFA
- Full scholarship: 800,000 FCFA

Good to know

Original documents are sent by DHL after the agency fee is paid.

4. Visa & settlement — Duration: 4 to 6 weeks

The final step before departure: visa application, preparations and arrival in China.

- Appointment at the Chinese embassy for the visa (X1/X2)
- Flight booking and international health insurance

- Airport pickup and transfer to campus
- Help with enrollment and obtaining the residence permit

5. Required documents

List of documents generally requested for a complete application file (see your candidate portal for the exact list based on your profile):

- ID photo (passport format)
- Valid passport (at least 6 months)
- Highest diploma obtained
- Transcripts for the last 2 years
- Completed information form
- Clean criminal record (less than 3 months old)
- English proficiency certificate
- Recent bank statement
- Medical examination results
- Short self-introduction video, in English
- Letter of recommendation

Important

All documents must be provided with an English or Chinese translation by a certified translator.

6. Application calendar

Intake	Application period	Deadline
March 2027 intake	October – December 2026	December 31, 2026
September 2027 intake	January – June 2027	June 30, 2027

Deadlines may vary by university and scholarship type; contact us to confirm the exact calendar for your program.

7. Visa and settlement

Visa application

- Appointment at the Chinese embassy
- Visa file (X1/X2)
- Interview if required

Preparations before departure

- Flight booking
- International health insurance
- Preparing initial funds on arrival

Arrival in China

- Airport pickup
- Transfer to campus
- Help with enrollment
- Obtaining the residence permit

8. Important tips

- Apply 6 months in advance to have time to prepare all documents
- Check your passport's validity - it must remain valid for at least 6 months after entering China
- Prepare certified translations of all academic documents
- Contact us with any question - our team is here to support you at every step

9. Contact us

Once accepted, you will receive the admission letter and the JW202/JW201 form, which will allow you to apply for a student visa at the Chinese embassy in your country of residence.

Ready to start your project?

Create your candidate account at bridgetochina.net/postulez or contact our team on WhatsApp for an initial conversation about your profile.