Study@TJU Program with Confucius Institute Scholarship (2016) is now open for applications

In order to support development of Confucius Institutes, facilitate Chinese language promotion and Chinese cultural transmission in the world, cultivate qualified Chinese language teachers and talented students of Chinese language, Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) (hereinafter referred to as Hanban) launches the “Confucius Institute Scholarships” program for providing sponsorship to students, scholars and Chinese language teachers of other countries for pursuing a study in relevant universities in China (hereinafter referred to as “host institutions”). Tianjin University (TJU), as one of the Host Institutes, welcomes applicants all over the world to study at TJU.

I. Category & Eligibility

Application is open to applicant who owns a non-Chinese citizenship, aged between 18 and 35, in good health condition (applicant who is currently working in a Chinese language teaching position shall not exceed the age limit of 45).

1. Scholarship for Master’s Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTCSOL) Students: This category provides a sponsorship for 2 academic years. Applicant should own a bachelor’s degree or its equivalent, a minimum score of 180 in HSK Test (Level 5), and a minimum score of 50 in HSKK Test (Intermediate Level). Applicant who is able to provide the employment agreement or certification upon finishing the study from designated working institutions is preferred.

2. Scholarship for One-Academic-Year Study Students: This category provides a sponsorship for 11 months. Application is open to Confucius Institute (Classroom) students, overseas Chinese language teachers, Chinese language major students and excellent performers in HSK test. International students who are now studying in China are not eligible for the scholarship. Applicant should have a minimum score of 180 in HSK Test (Level 3), and 60 in HSKK test (Beginner Level). Alternatively, applicant should hold a minimum score of 180 in BCT (A), and a minimum score of 180 BCT (Speaking).

3. Scholarship for One-Semester Study Students: This category provides a sponsorship for 5 months. Applicant should have no prior experience of studying in China, but have a minimum score of 120 in HSK Test (Level 2), and a minimum score of 40 in HSKK (Beginner Level). Alternatively, applicant should have a minimum score of 100 in BCT (A), and a minimum score of 120 in BCT (Speaking).

4. Scholarship for Four-Week Study Students: This category provides a sponsorship for 4-week study which is mainly focusing on Chinese language. Applicant should have no prior experience of studying in China. Application is mainly open to Confucius Institute (Classroom) students, excellent performers in HSK test, and outstanding club members of Confucius Institute Magazine. Applicant should submit a HSK or BCT score report.

II. Scholarship Coverage

The Confucius Institute Scholarship provides full coverage on tuition fee, accommodation fee, living allowance and comprehensive medical insurance expenses. Living allowance of
One-Academic-Year Study and One-Semester Study is RMB 2,500 per month. Living allowance of MTCSOL is RMB3, 000 per month.

III. Admission Procedure
1. From the issue date of the application procedures, applicants can log on to the Confucius Institute Scholarship website (http://cis.chinese.cn) to register, complete and submit the Confucius Institute Scholarship Application Form on line, and upload the scanned copies of relevant supporting documents by 20th April, 2016.
2. Entrusted by Hanban, Confucius Institutes (independent Confucius Classrooms) in different countries, overseas Chinese language testing centers, educational and cultural sections of Chinese embassy and consulate, and Tianjin University are working as recommending institutions to engage in the applicant selection, materials review and submit the list of recommended applicants to Hanban by 30th April, 2016.
3. Once application materials are verified by the Division of Scholarships of Hanban as valid, Tianjin University will then review the eligibility of applicants and submit the admission list to Hanban by 10th May, 2016.
4. Hanban will conduct an overall assessment of all applications and admit applicants on the basis of competitive selection. The admission results will be announced on the Scholarship website by 15th June, 2016. Hanban will also inform Tianjin University and the recommending institutions, and the recommending institutions will inform the applicants.
5. After confirming with the successful applicants, Tianjin University will post Letter of Admission, Visa Application Form for Foreigners to Study in China (JW202 Form), copy of the scholarship certificate and other relevant documents to the recommending institutions by 1st July, 2016.

IV. Application Documents
Applicants should log on to the Confucius Institute Scholarship website at http://cis.chinese.cn, fill out the Confucius Institute Scholarship Application Form online, and upload the scanned copies of the following documents. If the following documents are not in Chinese or English version, notarization documents should be provided.
1. A scanned copy of the passport photo page.
2. Score reports of the HSK, HSKK or BCT, BCT (Speaking). Winners of the finals of the “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competitions may submit the award certificate and the “Confucius Institute Scholarship Certificate”.
3. Certification of the highest education diploma (or proof of expected graduation) and an official transcript.
4. Recommendation letter signed by the head of the recommending institutions (please provide objective comments on the applicant, including whether the applicant is a student of Confucius Institute or other identity. Chinese language teachers shall submit an employment verification letter and a reference letter provided by the institutes they work for.)
5. Applicants of the Scholarship for MTCSOL Students are required to provide 2 reference letters from professors or associate professors. Those who can provide an employment agreement or related documents with the designated teaching institution are preferred.

V. Disclaimer
1. Incomplete or unqualified applications will not be processed.
2. Applicants will be disqualified from application in case of fraudulent application materials or application materials are completed and submitted by someone else.
3. Scholarship winners who cannot register with Tianjin University on time should inform us about the reasons in written form within 15 days before the admission date. For those who do not register as requested without reason, the scholarship will be canceled.

4. Scholarship will be canceled for those who do not pass the admission physical examination, drop out, or take schooling suspension during the study.

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