Terms & Conditions

Sino-Dutch Bilateral Exchange Scholarship programme

Dutch scholarship holders

These terms and conditions are for scholarship grants awarded under the Sino-Dutch Bilateral Exchange Scholarship programme - Dutch students. It states the obligations for scholarship holders, informs about the various roles and responsibilities of the parties involved and informs about the scholarship reimbursements.

The Sino-Dutch scholarship is partly funded by the Dutch government and partly funded by the Chinese government. This document applies to the scholarship funded by the Dutch government.

Roles & responsibilities

1. The Sino-Dutch programme is based on an MOU between the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and the Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China and managed in cooperation between the China Scholarship Council (CSC) and Nuffic.
2. The scholarship award is based on the final selection by CSC, the information submitted in the application and is subject to the applicable criteria and conditions of the Sino-Dutch scholarship. The information is available on www.wilweg.nl/sino-dutch.
3. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable the scholarship holder to follow the study programme or research in China for which he/she has received the scholarship (as detailed in the scholarship grant).
4. The scholarship holder will inform Nuffic as soon as possible in writing if he/she cannot start with his/her research in time, in case of significant delays, premature ending or other significant changes with regard to his/her research or scholarship.

Scholarship reimbursements of the Dutch part of the scholarship

5. The amount of the scholarship is € 3.000 per year. The scholarship is a contribution towards the total costs of study or research in China.
6. The scholarship amount (per year in case of multi-annual scholarships) will be paid in 1 instalment. Nuffic aims to pay the scholarship not later than end of September, provided the start date is around 1 September. If the start date is later in the year, payment will take place in consultation with the scholarship holder.
7. Nuffic will transfer the scholarship amount per year directly to the scholarship holder’s Dutch bank account.
8. All monetary amounts and any payments in connection with this grant award are in Euro (EUR).
**Duration of the scholarship**

9. The scholarship is only intended for the duration as detailed in the grant award.
10. Extension of the scholarship is not possible.

**Withdrawal**

11. Nuffic may decide to withdraw the scholarship at any point if:

- the scholarship holder does not comply with these obligations, or rules and regulations and/or instructions of the Chinese institution and/or CSC;
- the scholarship holder does not comply with the applicable immigration procedures or cannot obtain a visa for any reason;
- the scholarship holder supplied information on the application form or accompanying documents (which formed the basis for the selection) that is found to be inaccurate or makes a false declaration of any sort;
- the scholarship holder commits a criminal offence.

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

12. At the end of the scholarship period scholarship holders have to submit to Nuffic a scholarship review form. It has to be filled in by the Chinese university and sent to sds@nuffic.nl. The scholarship holder receives a format of the review form together with the grant award. Please note that this is a different review than requested by CSC.

13. To a multi-annual scholarship the following procedure applies: the scholarship holder informs the Chinese university at the start of the study that he/she attends a (under)graduate or postgraduate study, as detailed in the scholarship grant award. It is important and necessary that the scholarship holder is given the correct status at the university. At the same time, the scholarship holder informs the university that at the end of each academic year CSC requests an annual review together with an overview of the study results. The Chinese university has to send these documents to CSC. Continuation of the scholarship into a subsequent year is only possible if the scholarship holder has achieved sufficient academic results/satisfactory study progress, if the requested documents are received within the stipulated time and if the Chinese Scholarship Council and Nuffic give both their definitive approval.

14. The scholarship holder will take part in a survey at the end of the scholarship period.

15. Nuffic reserves the right to reclaim (a proportionate part of) the scholarship amount in the case of premature ending of the programme/research, in case it becomes clear that the scholarship holder does not comply to the at the time of application applicable criteria and conditions or in case the scholarship amount is not used for the intended activities.
Privacy

16. The personal data of candidates and/or scholarship holders provided in the scholarship application submitted to Nuffic may be used by Nuffic and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science for the purposes of administration, assessment, selection, monitoring and evaluation of the Sino-Dutch Programme. All personal data will be processed in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The scholarship holder’s data is not stored longer than necessary.

17. The scholarship holder may request to see all personal data submitted to Nuffic relating to him/her, which is stored under his/her name, and/or ask for it to be amended or removed. These requests must be submitted to Nuffic.

18. The scholarship holder’s data submitted to Nuffic is not removed if the data are legally required. Requests for removal of personal data cannot be granted as long as there is a legal obligation to retain data for a defined period of time.

19. If the scholarship holder does not agree with the way his/her personal data is processed within the framework of the Sino-Dutch programme, the scholarship holder can submit a complaint to the Data Protection officer of Nuffic.

20. The scholarship holder can also submit a complaint to the Dutch Data Protection Authority (www.autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl).

Liability

21. Nuffic and the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science do not accept any responsibility, financially or otherwise, for expenditures (or liabilities emerging from these expenditures) or liabilities arising from activities funded by the grant.

22. Nuffic is neither responsible nor liable for the Chinese part of the Sino-Dutch scholarship.

23. After the end of the scholarship period all rights and claims related to the scholarship expire.