

Obligations for scholarship holders

Sino-Dutch Bilateral Exchange Scholarship programme

Dutch students

These terms and conditions apply to the scholarship funded by the Dutch government and is meant for scholarship holders who have been selected for a scholarship under the Sino-Dutch Bilateral Exchange Scholarship programme. It states the obligations for scholarship holders, informs about the various roles and responsibilities of the parties involved and informs about the scholarship reimbursements.

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. The programme is managed in cooperation between the China Scholarship Council (CSC) and Nuffic.
2. The scholarship award is based on the information submitted in the application and the final selection by CSC and is subject to the applicable criteria and conditions for the Sino-Dutch scholarship.
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 study programme or research in time, in case of significant delays, premature ending or other significant changes with regard to his/her study programme or research.
5. To counteract deliberate unacceptable behaviour and to prevent that awarded grants or scholarships will be used for activities involving for instance child labour, the subsidy or grant recipient will subscribe to the Nuffic Code of Conduct for integrity and act accordingly. In addition, activities involving the following situations/behaviour are considered unacceptable: bankruptcy, insolvency or winding-up procedures; conduct related to a criminal organisation; money laundering or terrorist financing; terrorist offenses or offenses linked to terrorist activities; irregularity; creating a shell company; being a shell company.

Scholarship reimbursements

6. The scholarship amount of the Dutch part of the Sino-Dutch scholarship is € 3.000 per year. The scholarship is a contribution towards the total costs of study or research in China.
7. The scholarship amount (per year in case of multi-annual scholarships) will be paid in 1 instalment. Nuffic aims to pay the Dutch part of the Sino-Dutch 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.

8. Nuffic will transfer the scholarship amount per year directly to the scholarship holder's Dutch bank account.
9. All monetary amounts and any payments in connection with this grant award are in Euro (EUR).

Duration of the scholarship

10. The scholarship is only intended for the duration as detailed in the grant award letter.
11. After the end of the scholarship period all rights and claims related to the scholarship expire.

Withdrawal

12. 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 host 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.
13. 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.

Monitoring and Evaluation

14. To a multi-annual scholarship the following procedure applies: the scholarship holder informs the Chinese host institution 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 host institution that at the end of the academic year he/she needs as requested by CSC an annual review together with an overview of the study results. The Chinese host institution 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.
15. At the end of the scholarship period, the scholarship holder has to submit to Nuffic a scholarship review form, filled in by their Chinese host institution (please note that this is a different review than requested by CSC) by sending the form to sds@nuffic.nl. The scholarship holder receives a format of this form including instructions how and when to submit together with the grant award letter.

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

Liability

17. As the Sino-Dutch scholarship is partly funded by the Dutch government and partly funded by the Chinese government Nuffic is neither responsible nor liable for the Chinese part of the Sino-Dutch scholarship.

18. 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.