Open for Applications: 2027 Marine Scholarship of China

The Marine Scholarship of China for the year 2027 is now open for applications **from October 25, 2026 to December 20, 2026** (with all the online procedures completed).

The Marine Scholarship of China is jointly initiated by the State Oceanic Administration (SOA) and the Ministry of Education of China (MOE) for the purpose of providing financial support to outstanding students from the countries or regions across coastal and island domains of the South China Sea, the Pacific and the Indian Oceans, and African developing countries, to study in China for a master's or doctoral degree in oceanography or other related specialties of marine science and technology, cultivating advanced professionals in the related fields for developing countries, enhancing international marine cooperation and exchange, and promoting the harmonious ocean development in the region and around the world. China Scholarship Council (CSC) is in charge of the admissions and routine management of the Scholarship.

I. Eligibility

1. The applicant should be a citizen of non-Chinese nationality in good health, from a coastal/island country of South China Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific and its surround island countries, or an African developing country.

2. The applicant for master's degree studies is required to have a bachelor's degree of related fields and be usually under the age of 35.

3. The applicant for doctoral degree studies is required to have a master's degree of related fields and be usually under the age of 40.

II. Majors

Marine science and technology, geophysics and other marine-related majors at Tongji University. The awardees will pursue postgraduate education mainly at: School of Ocean and Earth Science, School of Environmental Science and Engineering, School of Civil Engineering, College of Electronics and Information Engineering.

III. Duration of Scholarships

Master's programs: 2 to 3 years;

Doctoral programs: 4 years.

Note:

(1) Applicants for Chinese-taught programs must submit valid certificate of HSK Level 5 (total score ≥ 180) or above. (If your highest degree was taught in Chinese, a certificate confirming Chinese as the language of instruction is required, and the HSK certificate is not needed.) Applicants for other language-taught programs shall provide relevant language proficiency certificates according to the universities' requirements, like IELTS or TOFEL report.

(2) The longest period of Marine Scholarship of China support is 4 years.

IV. Scholarship Coverage

1. Tuition fee;

2. Free on-campus accommodation or off-campus accommodation monetary subsidy;

3. Living allowance (RMB 3,000/month for master's programs; RMB 3,500/month for doctoral programs);

4. Comprehensive medical insurance.

Note: Other expenses for study in China, such as international travel expenses should be borne by the scholarship recipients themselves.

V. Application Period: October 25, 2026 to December 20, 2026

VI. Application Procedures (Also see the Appendix)

1. Applicants shall complete online application at https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login (Program Category: Type B; Agency No. of TONGJI: 10247). The Scholarships Application Form should be signed by the applicant.

2. Applicants shall complete another online application at http://study-info.tongji.edu.cn and sign the Application Form for International Students. All the electronic copies of application materials listed in the Appendix shall be sent to the email address below.

VII. Review and result

An expert panel review will be conducted on applicant's educational background, academic capability, research achievements, opinion from supervisor and related working experience. The shortlisted candidates will be submitted to China's Ministry of Natural Resources and China Scholarship Council for final approval.

Final results of the Scholarship will be released around June 2027. The Admission Notice and Visa Application Form (JW201) will be sent out to the awardees as soon as possible.

VIII. Contact Information

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Website: https://mgg.tongji.edu.cn/mggen/main.htm

For more information, please visit our website of International Students Office of Tongji University: https://study.tongji.edu.cn/en/

Appendix

Application Materials for Marine Scholarship of China (in duplicate)

a. *Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship* (to be filled in Chinese or English)

An applicant is supposed to log on to CSC's online application system, fill in all the necessary information and then print 2 copies of the *Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship* which will be automatically generated after successful submission with signature.

Please log in at: https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login, with institutional codes of Tongji University: 10247. Type of scholarship: Marine Scholarship of China.

b. *Application Form for International Students* from the Online Application and Payment System of Tongji University

Please log in at: http://study-info.tongji.edu.cn, 2 copies of application form shall be printed and signed.

c. Highest degree certificate

- Degree certificates issued in the language of Chinese or English language could be photocopies.
- Degree certificates issued in languages other than Chinese or English must be notarized by a Chinese embassy or consulate overseas, or by an embassy or consulate in China, and a notarized translation of the degree certificate in Chinese or English shall be provided. Without notification, the application will be regarded as invalid.
- Prospective diploma winners must submit official proof issued by their educational institutions stating their current status and when the degree will be rewarded.

d. Academic transcripts (original transcripts, with all courses included and shall be signed or sealed by the authority)

- Transcripts in Chinese or English language shall be officially sealed or signed. Only photocopy without signature or seal will not be accepted and the application will be regarded as invalid.
- Transcripts issued in languages other than Chinese or English must be accompanied by notarized translations in Chinese or English from a Chinese embassy or consulate overseas, or by an embassy or consulate in China. Without notification, the application will be regarded as invalid.

e. The applicant's study or research plan in China (in Chinese or English).

f. Two letters of recommendation in Chinese or English from Professors or Associate Professors.

g. Photocopy of Foreigner Physical Examination Form (downloadable from CSC's website) completed in Chinese or English.

- The applicant shall take all the examination as required by the Form. Leaving a blank or absence of signature of the doctor or seal of the hospital will make the form invalid.

h. Proof of language proficiency.

- For English-taught program, applicants must submit official proofs of their English language ability. For applicants from English-speaking countries, no need for this proof.
- For Chinese-taught program, applicants should have passed HSK 5 test with score higher than 180. If your highest degree was taught in Chinese, a certificate confirming Chinese as the language of instruction is required, and the HSK certificate is not needed.

i. Copy of passport

j. Personal statement and CV

k.Acceptance Letter from an advisor of Tongji University

l. Other proofs of academic achievements if any

Please notice:

1. All the electronic copies of application materials listed in the Appendix shall be mailed to the email address of the contact person. Deadline for application: **December 20, 2026**.
2. Please make sure you have received admission from an advisor of Tongji University and know what major you will be taking before applying.
3. Grade reports should be original copies that have been signed and sealed by an educational authority.
4. Grade report and Degree certificate issued in languages other than Chinese or English shall be notarized by a Chinese embassy or consulate overseas, or by an embassy or consulate in China.
5. Please check your contact email and online application account regularly, the University might contact the applicant if necessary.