

Obligations for scholarship holders

Sino-Dutch Bilateral Exchange Scholarship programme

Chinese scholarship holders

These terms and conditions apply to scholarships awarded under the Sino-Dutch Bilateral Exchange Scholarship programme (Chinese 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 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. 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, the pre-selection by CSC and is subject to the applicable criteria and conditions of the Sino-Dutch scholarship. The information is available on www.studyinholland.nl/sino-dutch.
3. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable the scholarship holder to follow the study programme or research in The Netherlands for which he/she has received the scholarship (as detailed in the scholarship award letter).
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.
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 amount of the scholarship is € 16,113 per year. The scholarship is a contribution towards the total costs of study or research in The Netherlands.
7. Nuffic needs certain documents and information to be able to pay the scholarship. After arrival in The Netherlands the scholarship holder must email a copy of their Dutch student card plus a copy of their Dutch IBAN bank card. The email address is sds@nuffic.nl.
8. The scholarship amount will be paid in 3 instalments (per year in case of multi-annual scholarships). Nuffic aims to pay the first instalment of € 7.806,50 within 4 weeks after

receipt of the required documents (see article 6) and the 2nd instalment of € 7.806,50 in the first week of March. The last instalment of € 500 will be paid after Nuffic has received the scholarship review (see article 13). If the start date is later in the year, payments will take place in consultation with the scholarship holder.

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

Duration of the scholarship

11. The scholarship is only intended for the duration as detailed in the scholarship award letter.
12. Extension of the scholarship period is not possible.

Withdrawal

13. 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 Dutch 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.
14. 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

15. At the end of each year the scholarship holder will submit a filled-in scholarship review form by e-mailing 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. To a multi-annual scholarship the following applies: continuation of the scholarship into a subsequent year is on the condition that the scholarship holder has achieved satisfactory study progress. For this the scholarship holder submits a scholarship review form, filled in by their Dutch university. The university determines whether the achieved results are indeed satisfactory.
17. The scholarship holder will take part in a survey at the end of the scholarship period.

Liability

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