

Application Guidelines for Bohai University International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship 2026

I.ELIGIBILITY

Be a non-Chinese citizen; Be friendly to China, have no criminal record, abide by the laws and regulations of China and the rules and regulations of the Host Institution; Be in good physical and mental health, be in good academic and behavioral standing; Be interested in Chinese language education and related work; Be aged between 18 and 35 years on September 1, 2026. The maximum age limit for in-service Chinese teachers may be extended to 45, but those who apply for a scholarship for a Bachelor's degree shall be younger than 25 under most circumstances.

II.CATEGORIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

a) Scholarship for Master's Degree in International Chinese Language Education

The program commences in September 2026, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of two academic years. Applicants shall hold a Bachelor's degree. Applicants shall have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK Test (Level 5) and 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level). Priority will be given to applicants who may provide an employment contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or proof to the same effect.

b) Scholarship for Bachelor's Degree in Chinese Language and Literature (International Chinese Language Education)

The program commences in September 2026, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of four academic years. Applicants shall hold a senior high school diploma and have a minimum score of 210 on the

HSK Test (Level 4) and 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level). Priority will be given to applicants who may provide an employment contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or proof to the same effect.

*Applicants must take the China Scholastic Competency Assessment (CSCA) and submit test score report along with online application materials.

c) Scholarship for One-Year Study Program

The program commences in September 2026, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of eleven months. Applicants of international Chinese language education programs shall have a minimum score of 270 on the HSK test (Level 3), and an HSKK test score is required. Applicants of Chinese language study programs shall have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK test (Level 3), and priority will be given to applicants who provide an HSKK test score.

d) Scholarship for One-Semester Study Program

The program commences either in September 2026 or March 2027, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of five months. Applicants of international Chinese language education programs shall have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK test (Level 3), and an HSKK test score is required. Applicants of Taiji culture programs are required to provide HSK test scores, and priority will be given to those who also provide an HSKK test score.

e) Scholarship for Four-Week Study Program

The program commences either in July or December 2026, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of four weeks.

Applicants of Chinese language study, Taiji culture program are required to provide an HSK test score. The program may be organized and applied for by a Recommending Institution with 10-15 participants per group. Before the trip, a detailed study plan shall be made in consultation with the Host Institution(s) and such plan shall be submitted to CLEC for review and approval.

III.APPLICATION TIME AND PROCEDURES

Online registration will be available from March 1, 2026 on the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship website (<http://www.chinese.cn>).

Application procedures:

- A. Log in to the scholarship website and search for Recommending Institutions and Host Institutions;
- B. Submit application materials online and track the application process, comments and scholarship evaluation results.
- C. The successful applicant must confirm with the Host Institutions to go through the procedures of studying in China.
- D. Attend the program at the time specified in the school's acceptance notice.

IV.Application Deadlines (Beijing Time)

- a) For programs commencing in July 2026, applicants must complete their applications by April 15.
- b) For programs commencing in September 2026, applicants must complete their applications by May 15.
- c) For programs commencing in December 2026, applicants must complete their applications by September 15.

- d) For programs commencing in March 2027, applicants must complete their applications by October 31.

V. POLICIES REGARDING IN-SERVICE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND CHINESE BRIDGE WINNERS

a) In-Service Chinese Language Teachers

In-service Chinese language teachers need to provide proof of employment and a letter of recommendation from the employer, and will be given priority under the same conditions.

b) Chinese Bridge Winners

Applicants who have received the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship Certificate during Chinese Bridge competitions need to submit their application documents along with their scholarship certificates to the Host Institutions directly at the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship website.

For any further inquiries, please contact chinesebridge@chinese.cn.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) In principle, applicants who have received a similar scholarship within three years are not eligible for the One-Semester Study Program or One-Year Study Program.
- b) Degree students are subject to the annual assessment according to the *Annual Assessment Procedures of the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship*.
- c) Students who fail to pass the pre-enrollment medical examination, withdraw from school before completing the program, fail to register at the university without prior permission, or suspend their studies will be disqualified for the scholarship.

VII.APPLICATION MATERIALS

A. For all applicants

- a) A scanned copy of the passport photo page;
- b) A scanned copy of score reports of the HSK/HSKK tests (within the two-year validity);
- c) A reference letter by the head of the Recommending Institution.

B. For degree program applicants

- d) A certificate of the highest diploma (or proof of expected graduation) and an official transcript;
- e) Applicants of the Scholarship for a Master's Degree in International Chinese Language Education are required to provide two reference letters from professors or associate professors. Priority will be given to applicants who may provide an employment contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or proof to the same effect.

C. In-service Chinese language teachers shall provide proof of employment and a reference letter from the employer.

D. Applicants under 18 shall provide certified documents of designation signed by their entrusted legal guardians in China.

E. Applicants shall provide additional documents as required by the Host Institutions.

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