Terms & Conditions

Sino-Dutch Bilateral Exchange Scholarship programme

Chinese scholarship holders

These terms and conditions are for scholarship grants 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 pre-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.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.

Scholarship reimbursements

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. The scholarship amount (per year in case of multi-annual scholarships) will be paid in 3 instalments. Nuffic aims to pay the first instalment within 4 weeks after receipt of the required documents (see article 6) and the 2nd instalment in the first week of March. The last instalment will be paid in the first week of July provided Nuffic has received the scholarship review (see article 13). 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 instalments 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 scholarship award letter.

11. Extension of the scholarship is not possible.

Withdrawal

12. Nuffic may decide to withdraw the scholarship at any point if:
   - the scholarship holder does not comply with these terms & conditions, or rules and regulations and/or instructions of the Dutch 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

13. 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.

14. 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 the scholarship review form, filled in by their Dutch university. The university determines whether the achieved results are indeed satisfactory.

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

16. 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

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.
20. 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.

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

Liability

22. 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.

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