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Information for Intake Commencing 2011

Country Strategy

The overarching objective of Australia's development cooperation program with China is to further mutual national interest by supporting China's balanced development policies and working together in the region.

This is outlined in the China Country Program Strategy 2006-2010 (see <http://www.aisaid.gov.au/china/aid.cfm>).

The strategy aims to support China's policy development in the priority areas of environment, health and governance, and to build institutional partnerships between the two countries.

Scholarships to study in Australia are an important way to facilitate or complement such partnership and policy development work.

Type, Level and Number of Scholarships

The China ADS program provides 24 scholarships every year.

Scholarships are available for Chinese public sector employees to study Masters degrees in Australia.

The scholarships support studies over a period of 12 or 18 months.

Priority Sectors

The priority areas of study for China ADS awardees are aligned with the priority themes of the China Country Program Strategy:

- Environment (especially water resource management, climate change and clean energy);
- Health (especially public health management and communicable diseases); and
- Governance (especially economic reform, public sector reform and social security policy).

The program aims to achieve a gender balance, with at least half of the scholarships awarded to women.

The Application Process

At the start of each year, AusAID and China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) identify those central and provincial government authorities, that will be prioritized for scholarships.

- Interested candidates must complete the ADS application form, answering all questions and providing all required documents.
- A joint selection panel comprising AusAID and MOFCOM officials meets to shortlist candidates based on the quality and relevance of their applications.



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- Shortlisted candidates will sit an IELTS exam, usually in Beijing (unless prior test results were provided with the application form).
- The selection panel will then reconvene to consider the IELTS test results and determine a final candidate-ranking list. This list may include reserving some candidates for future scholarships. Shortlisted candidates may be invited to sit in an interview conducted by the selection panel.
- The selected candidates' application forms will be sent to the Australian institutions requesting places in the selected courses.
- Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.
- Must not hold another scholarship during the period of the ADS award.
- Must not have held an Australian Government Scholarship in the 12 months preceding the application.
- Be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support through ADS for a course already commenced in Australia.
- Satisfy university course entry requirements, including English language requirements.
- Satisfy Australian Government requirements for international student entry to Australia.

China-specific requirements

Closing Dates for Applications

The closing date for applications is 31 May 2010. The final result will come out September 2010 and successful candidates will be able to apply for Australian institutions from October to November 2010.

Special conditions

Generic requirements

- Must be Chinese citizen and not have permanent residence in Australia or New Zealand
- Must not be married to, in a de facto relationship with, or engaged to a person who is eligible to hold Australian or New

- Candidates must be public sector employees with the Chinese Government.
- Candidates with at least 3 years public sector work experience in the selected field for study in Australia will be prioritized.
- Candidates must hold a Bachelor level (or equivalent) qualification in the selected field for study in Australia.
- The selected field for study will only be approved if it is consistent with the China Country Strategy.
- Each candidate must provide a completed application form in English, which must include written statements that:
 - o Explain why the field of study – and the particular institutions(s) – have been selected; and
 - o Demonstrate how an ADS scholarship will assist their host organization meet



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its human resource needs and contribute to China's development more generally.

- In addition to the application form, each candidate must provide:
 - o A current curriculum vitae in English, including indication of the candidates level of English language skills; and
 - o A letter of commitment from their host organization indicating that the candidate will work in a position related to the field of study in Australia on their return to China. Preference will be given to candidates who have developed a practical strategy with their host organization for their future contributions to the organization, drawing on the skills and experiences they expect to gain from studying in Australia.

English Language & Preparatory Training

To receive an ADS award, students must obtain a valid score of at least 6.0 overall on the academic module of the IELTS test with no individual band less than 5.5. However, concerns about whether English language skills will be sufficient should not stop an individual submitting an application.

Shortlisting will be based on the relevance and quality of applications. English

language tests will occur after this initial shortlisting. Up to three months pre-course English language training may be available in Australia if needed. This is in addition to the time allowed for academic studies under the scholarship.

Prior to commencing studies, each scholarship holder is required to complete certain in-Australia Introductory Academic Programs provided by the institutions. These programs cover:

- Living arrangements;
- Academic matters;
- Legal requirements and entitlements; and
- International student support services.

Further Information

The ADS program does not provide financial support for family entry. Spouses and children may visit the students in Australia, but will need to organize and fund this, including arranging visas to Australia, from their own resources.

Information about the various institutions and courses that are available under the ADS program is available at <http://cricos.deewr.gov.au/>

More general information about studying in Australia can be found at <http://studyinaustralia.gov.au/>



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