UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA CRUZ AND CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

UC Santa Cruz and the China Scholarship Council (CSC) have created the **CSC-UCSC Graduate Scholars Program** to allow Chinese students, jointly selected by both CSC and UCSC, to engage in PhD studies at UCSC. There are two separate programs that make up the CSC-UCSC Graduate Scholars Program.

AEPSO PhD Program: For CSC applicants to Departments of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Earth and Planetary Sciences and Ocean Sciences. Up to five scholarships per department will be awarded each year.

General PhD Program: For CSC applicants to all other Departments as UCSC. Up to five scholarships total will be awarded each year.

Application Procedures for both programs listed above are as follows:

1. Candidates for either of the above programs shall apply directly to UCSC Graduate Admissions for acceptance before the deadlines set by the specific academic program. Candidates shall specify in their applications that they are applying through the UCSC – CSC AEPSO or General PhD program. They shall indicate this by including a statement in the **Additional Information** section at the end of the online application that reads, "I am applying to the UCSC – CSC AEPSO *or* General PhD Program."

2. Candidates will be evaluated according to the standard criteria employed by the UCSC programs.

3. Before the end of January, the academic program will provide each qualified candidate a letter of nomination for admission. The Division of Graduate Studies will provide a letter for programs to use for this purpose (see last page), so that the language remains consistent for all nominees for admission.

4. Candidates who have been nominated for admission shall apply to CSC for funding following the procedures set by CSC, with a deadline of the second week of February. For more information about the CSC process go to: www.csc.edu.cn

5. CSC will evaluate the candidates and inform the successful applicants directly before April 15, 2018. CSC will also provide UCSC with a final list of recipients. The Division of Graduate Studies will work with graduate programs admitting CSC applicants to issue a final, official letter of admission to UCSC, as they do in the regular admission process.

Responsibilities

For the **AEPSO** Program –
Under the condition of continued good academic standing (as determined by UCSC) and continued approval by CSC, **CSC will provide**:

- full tuition, health insurance, and stipend ($2,100 per month) for the first 24 months
- visa application fees
- one round-trip airfare to the US

In the third year, with 1. continued satisfactory progress, 2. advancement to candidacy by the end of the third year, and 3. completion of the PhD within three years of candidacy, **UCSC will provide**:

- full tuition and health insurance for AEPSO students in the third year and thereafter until completion of the program (up to six years in the program)
- cost-of-living expenses in the form of stipends, teaching assistantships, and/or graduate research assistantships to a level equivalent to the standard graduate student salary in the department.

For the **General PhD** Program -
Under the condition of continued good academic standing (as determined by UCSC) and continued approval by CSC, **CSC will provide**:

- a stipend ($2,100 per month), and health insurance for 48 months
- visa application fees
- one round-trip airfare to the US

Under the condition of continued good academic standing (as determined by UCSC) and continued approval by CSC, **UCSC commits to providing**:

- full tuition and fees, including health insurance, for the full six years for General PhD program students

With continued 1. satisfactory progress, 2. advancement to candidacy by the end of the third year, and 3. completion of the PhD within three years of candidacy, UCSC commits to providing:

- up to another two years of stipend support, equivalent to or above the level of CSC stipend support ($2,100 per month), for years five and six of the program
- The department at its discretion may appoint the student with teaching assistantships, and/or graduate research assistantships to a level equivalent to the standard graduate student salary in the department, at any time during the student's (up to) six-year doctoral career at UCSC.

An academic advisor will be provided to the CSC scholar at all times, and will generate an Annual Report together with the scholar to summarize scholar's academic progress, accomplishments, performance, and standing. This will be reported by June 30th or at the request of the CSC (advanced notice will be provided).

Scholars will provide their own laptops, housing, transportation, food, entertainment, and any other expenses. UCSC will inform scholars on how to obtain access to campus services.

UCSC will notify CSC of any increase in tuition at the beginning of the academic year, and CSC will notify UCSC of any increase in stipend.

Further questions should be directed to Becky George, Assistant Vice Provost of Global Engagement, UC Santa Cruz.

Letter of Nomination for Admission, CSC-UCSC Graduate Student Scholars Program

Dear [applicant name], [Mo/Day/Year]

Based on the strength of your application, the [Program] at the University of California, Santa Cruz is pleased to notify you that you have been nominated for admission for [quarter][year].

This letter shall serve as notice to the China Scholarship Council, so that you may be considered for the CSC-UCSC Graduate Student Scholars Program. You will need to apply to the China Scholarship Council for funding, following their procedures and deadline; see www.csc.edu.cn.

The China Scholarship Council will send their final list of scholarship recipients to UC Santa Cruz and notify applicants directly in early April. If you are selected for admission, you will receive a final, official notice of admission from the Division of Graduate Studies at UC Santa Cruz; you will have until April 15th to reply with your decision.

[Salutations]

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   For deadlines by academic program go to: https://graddiv.ucsc.edu/prospective-students/application-filing-requirements/deadlines.html

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