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Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC) call for projects and applications in partnership with Université Paris-Saclay

Université Paris-Saclay (UPSaclay) and the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC) have renewed in 2020 an agreement which provides for the funding by the Chinese government of 50 Chinese doctoral students per year.

The conditions for applying to Université Paris-Saclay are:

- Candidates must be citizens of the People's Republic of China;
- Chinese students studying for a Master's degree at Université Paris-Saclay and at universities abroad are also eligible;
- The candidates must meet the selection criteria

set by the Doctoral Schools of Université Paris-Saclay

set by the CSC <http://apply.csc.edu.cn>

The selected students must be admitted by one of the doctoral schools of Université Paris-Saclay and register each year, paying the registration fees (tuition fees and CVEC).

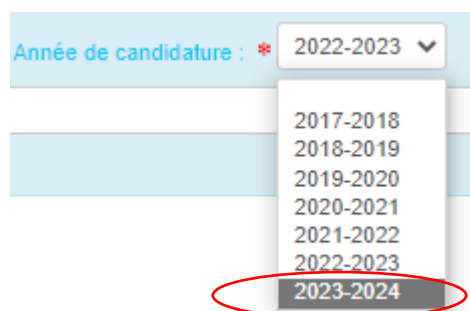
The winning doctoral students will carry out their doctorate in one of the Doctoral Schools of the Université Paris-Saclay.

The different stages of the application process

Step 1: Collection of thesis topics

Posting of subjects on the ADUM platform by thesis directors:

Thesis directors upload topics in English on ADUM ⇒ the **appropriate academic year 2023-2024 should be entered**, and *“Chinese Scholarship Council Programme (CSC)”* should be chosen.



From 09/13 to 10/10 ⇒ The thesis directors submit the subject with a project description **of at least 20 lines** on the ADUM portal **before 10/10**.

Thesis directors must indicate pre-existing partnerships with French or foreign institutions.

The FSD and HFSD will review thesis topics between October and mid-December (minimum 4 weeks)

Step 2: Thesis topics' publishing

03/12 : all thesis topics that have received a favorable or reserved opinion by the FSD/HFSD will be published on the platform.

A) HFSD validated topics for all laboratories:

There is no need for the thesis director to contact the FSD/HFSD.

B) HFSD validated topics for laboratories classified as “ZRR” or “protected”:

The thesis director is invited to contact his or her Research Unit, which will request authorization for access to candidates from the FSD to which the laboratory is attached.

The International PhD Axis should be informed of the outcome of this request as soon as possible.

C) Topics with a HFSD reservation:

1. For all laboratories combined

The International Axis will send the necessary documents to the UPSaclay FSD.

2. For laboratories attached to the IOGS (Institut d'optique Graduate School)

The thesis director is requested to send the necessary documents to the SDF of his/her Research Unit and to inform the International Axis of the progress of the application.

Step 3: Chinese students' applications

12/03: date of opening of the portal for the submission of applications.

IMPORTANT: the thesis topics validated by the FSD/HFSD will be posted online as they become available from **03/12** to **17/12**.

Chinese applicants must submit the necessary documents for the processing of their applications by the doctoral school and, deposit the following documents:

- A copy of the valid passport
- Name and surname in Chinese
- Place and date of birth in French or English
- A CV without interruption

22/01 : application deadline.

Step 4: FSD/HFSD review of subject/applicant pairing

From the end of January to the end of February (forecast): examination of the files (subjects/applicants) by the FSD/HFSD.

Between 28/02 and 13/03: processing of the opinions given by the FSD/HFSD and their transmission to the Doctoral Schools.

Step 5: Eligibility for a doctorate by the doctoral schools of Université Paris-Saclay

Two auditions will be scheduled by the doctoral schools so that candidates will be selected

- A. **23/02:** deadline for feedback from doctoral schools on applications submitted on subjects validated by the FSD
- B. **13/03:** deadline for the return of the doctoral school notices for the applications submitted on reserved subjects.

Step 6: Applications's validation

Between 15/03 and 25/03 : The International PhD Axis will communicate the list of candidates who have been selected by Université Paris-Saclay and will transmit the certificates mentioning the admission of the candidate under the condition of:

- Obtaining funding from the CSC
- The completion of the registration at Université Paris-Saclay

Between 15/03 and 31/03 (forecast): Application submission on the CSC website

Step 7: Selection by the CSC of successful applicants for funding

- **May 2023 :** examination of the admissibility of the candidates by the CSC.
- **15/06 :** Publication of the winners' results by the CSC.
- **From 15/06 :** The International PhD Axis will send the certificates to the candidates after the final selection of the candidates by the CSC in late May/early June.

More information

Université Paris-Saclay supports the laureates in their efforts to

- ✚ Obtain on-campus student housing or off-campus rooms and apartments during the first year of the thesis
- ✚ Learn about the formalities for filing a visa/residence permit and the procedures for opening a bank account.
- ✚ Take French classes for at least the first year.

Contact

- For all questions related to the management of the CSC programme at Université Paris-Saclay
 - o International PhD axis: csc.phd@universite-paris-saclay.fr
- For all questions related to the international reception (visa, accommodation...)
 - o International welcome centre: international.welcomedesk@universite-paris-saclay.fr