

2025 Application Guide to International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship at Shandong University

With the support of International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship, Shandong University welcomes outstanding international students and currently-employed Chinese language teachers who love Chinese language and culture and are willing to do cultural exchanges between China and foreign countries for study of International Chinese Language Education or related majors.

I. Eligibility

1. Non-Chinese citizens;
2. Friendly to China, with no criminal record, and abiding by the laws and regulations of the Chinese government and the rules and regulations of the school;
3. In good physical and mental conditions, and with a good record of academic performance and conduct;
4. Aspiring to work in the Chinese language education and related fields;
5. Aged between 16 and 35 (as of September 1, 2025), with the special allowance for the age limit of 45 for applicants currently working as Chinese language teachers and that of 25 for undergraduate student applicants.
6. Applicants must also meet other requirements stated in 2025 Application Instructions for International Students (Bachelor Programs) at Shandong University, 2025 Application Instructions for International Students (Master Programs) at Shandong University and 2025 Application Instructions for International Students (Chinese Language Program) at Shandong University.

II. Types and Qualifications

1. Chinese Language Teacher Scholarships Programs

Types	Majors	Admission Date	Application Deadline	Duration	Qualification
Master's Degree in ICLE	International Chinese Language Education	September 2025	May 15, 2025	Two years	Applicants shall hold a Bachelor's degree, and have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK Test (Level 6) as well as 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level). Priority will be given to applicants who may provide a work contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or a proof to the same effect.
Bachelor's Degree in ICLE	International Chinese Language Education	September 2025	May 15, 2025	Four years	Applicants shall hold a senior high school diploma and a minimum score of 180 on the HSK Test (Level 5) as well as 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level).
One-Academic-Year Study	International Chinese Language Education	September 2025	May 15, 2025	11months	Applicants shall have a minimum score of 270 on the HSK test (Level 3), and an HSKK test score is required.
	Chinese Language and Literature				Applicants shall have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK Test (Level 4) and 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level).
	Chinese Language Study				Applicants shall have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK test (Level 3). Priority will be given to applicants who provide an HSKK test score.
Note : In principle, applicants who have received a similar scholarship in the last three years are not eligible for the One-Year Study Program.					
One-	International	September	May 15,	5 months	Applicants shall have a minimum score of 180 on the

Semester Study	Chinese Language Education / Chinese Language and Literature	2025 or March 2026	2025 or October 31, 2025		HSK test (Level 3), and an HSKK test score is required.
	Taiji Culture				An HSK test score is required. Priority will be given to applicants who also provide an HSKK test score.
	Note: In principle, applicants who have received a similar scholarship in the last three years are not eligible for the One-Semester Study Program.				
Four Week Study	Chinese Language Study	July or December of 2025	April 15, 2025 or September 15, 2025	Four weeks	An HSK test score is required. The program may be organized and applied for by a recommending institution with 10-15 participants per group. Prior to the trip, a detailed study plan shall be made in consultation with SDU and such plan shall be submitted to CLEC for approval.
	Taiji Culture				

2. Joint Program Scholarships

Joint Program Scholarships are jointly funded by CLEC and SDU. Information on the admission methods, guidelines, and the number of scholarships will be available soon on the SDU website.

3. Scholarship for Online Programs

Types	Majors	Admission Date	Application Deadline	Qualification
Online Program for One-Academic-Year Chinese Language Study	Chinese Language Study	September 2025 or March 2026	May 15, 2025 or October 31, 2025	A general Chinese proficiency test score of 180 in HSK (Level 3) is required, and HSKK scores are preferred.

Online Program for One-Semester Chinese Language Study	Chinese Language Study	September 2025 or March 2026	May15, 2025 or October 31, 2025	Applicants must have an HSK score (no specific requirements for level or score).
Special Online Study Program	Including but not limited to International Chinese Language Education, Chinese Language Study, Chinese Language and Literature. Can be set to meet student's need.	From January to December 2025 (flexible arrangement)	From January to December 2025	The program may be organized and applied for by a recommending institution with a minimum of 15 participants per group. The study duration should be more than 4 weeks. Prior to the online study, a detailed study plan shall be made in consultation with SDU and such plan shall be submitted to CLEC for approval. Applicants must have an HSK score. For detailed application requirements and methods of application, please contact intladmission@email.sdu.edu.cn .

III. Policies Regarding Currently Employed Chinese Language Teachers and Chinese Bridge Award Recipients

Currently Employed Chinese Language Teachers	Currently employed Chinese language teachers applying for the scholarships can be exempted from submitting Chinese Language Proficiency Test (HSK) certificates if they can provide proof of employment and a letter of recommendation from the institution where they work.
Chinese Bridge Award Recipients	Applicants who have won the 2025 International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship Certificate in various Chinese Bridge competitions should submit their application documents along with their scholarship certificates to relevant host institutions on the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship website. For further inquiry, please contact bridge@chinese.cn .

IV. Coverage and Criteria

The International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship provides full coverage on tuition fee, accommodation fee, living allowance (four-week study students are excluded) and comprehensive medical insurance expenses. The scholarship online programs only support tuition fees.

V. Application Documents

1. For all applicants

- (1) A Scanned copy of passport photo page;
- (2) A scanned copy of score reports of the HSK and HSKK tests (within the two-year validity);
- (3) A reference letter by the head of the recommending institutions.

2. For degree scholarship program applicants

- (1) A certification of the highest education diploma (or proof of expected graduation) and an official transcript;
- (2) Applicants of the Scholarship for MTCSOL students are required to provide 2 reference letters from professors or associate professors. Priority will be given to applicants who may provide a work contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or a proof to the same effect.

3. Applicants currently working as Chinese language teachers shall provide proof of employment as well as a reference letter by the employer.

4. Applicants under the age of 18 must submit scanned copies of the following documents:

- (1) Guardian statement (please download the template from: <https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm> - "Download"). The guardian must be an adult living in Shandong Province, China;
- (2) A notarized paper to prove that the applicant's parents have entrusted

guardianship to the guardian;

(3) The guardian's ID or passport.

5. Applicants shall also provide additional documents required by Shandong University.

(1) Foreigner Physical Examination Form

Applicants should undergo the examination strictly according to the required items stated in the *Foreigner Physical Examination Form* (please download the template from: <https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm> - "Download").

Forms will be deemed invalid if they are incomplete, lack attached photos, do not have a cross-page seal on the photo, lack a signature of the attending physician, or are without an official hospital stamp. Please ensure the physical examination remains valid during the application as the result is valid for only 6 months.

(2) Certificate of No Criminal Record

Applicants must submit the Certificate of No Criminal Record within the validity period issued by local public security management department. It should be valid within 6 months prior to the application date.

(3) Letter of motivation in Chinese

Recommended content:(a) Personal introduction; (b) Knowledge of China and Shandong University; (c) your interests in the chosen major; (d) Study plan.

VI. Application Procedures

1. Online registration will be available from March 1, 2025 on the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship application website (<http://www.chinese.cn>) For programs commencing in September 2025, student application must complete before May 15, 2025; for programs commencing in March 2026, student application must complete before October 31, 2025. Please log on cis.chinese.cn and search for recommending institutions and host institutions , choose

Shandong University as your first preference of institution.

2. Upload application materials online; and track the application progress, comments and result.
3. Scholarship holders confirm with Shandong University to go through the procedures of studying in China, and print out the scholarship certificate online.
4. SDU will send an email to inform the scholarship holders to register at Shandong University Application System. Please visit <http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn/> to fill in personal information and submit application documents.
5. Shandong University sends you the Admission Letter to apply for study visa. Register on the designated date according to the admission letter.

VII. Contact Us

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