

Obligations for scholarship holders

Sino-Dutch Bilateral Exchange Scholarship programme

Chinese scholarship holders

These terms and conditions apply to scholarships 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 payments.

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), Nuffic, and the *Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs* (DUO. In English: Education Executive Agency).
2. Nuffic will process the application and selection procedure and will advise DUO about the scholarship decisions. Additionally, if a scholarship is awarded, Nuffic is responsible of managing the award. Nuffic is the first point of contact for the scholarship.
3. DUO will take all decisions regarding your scholarship (e.g. scholarship awards, scholarship settlements) and make all the corresponding scholarship payments.
4. The scholarship award is based on the information submitted in the application, the pre-selection by CSC and is subject to the applicable criteria and conditions of the Sino-Dutch scholarship. The information is available on www.studyinnl.org/sino-dutch.
5. 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).
6. The scholarship holder will inform Nuffic as soon as possible in writing if he/she cannot start with his/her studies or research in time, in case of significant delays, premature ending or other significant changes with regard to his/her studies or research.
7. To counteract deliberate unacceptable behaviour and to prevent that awarded grants or scholarships will be used for activities involving for instance child labour, the subsidy or grant recipient will subscribe to the Nuffic Code of Conduct for integrity and act accordingly. In addition, activities involving the following situations/behaviour are considered unacceptable: bankruptcy, insolvency or winding-up procedures; conduct related to a criminal organisation; money laundering or terrorist financing; terrorist offenses or offenses linked to terrorist activities; irregularity; creating a shell company; being a shell company.

Scholarship payments

8. The amount of the scholarship is € 16,648 per year¹. The scholarship is a contribution towards the total costs of study or research in The Netherlands.
9. Certain documents and information are required to be able to pay the scholarship. After arrival in The Netherlands, the scholarship holder must, therefore, email a copy of their Dutch student card, a copy of their Dutch IBAN bank card and a copy of a recent bank statement to sds@nuffic.nl.
10. The scholarship amount will be paid in 2 equal instalments of € 8,056.50 (per year in case of multi-annual scholarships). DUO will pay the first instalment within 4 weeks after Nuffic receives the required documents (see article 9) and the 2nd instalment six months after the start date of the scholarship. This also applies to subsequent years in case of multi-annual scholarships².
11. DUO will transfer the scholarship instalments directly to the scholarship holder's Dutch bank account.
12. All monetary amounts and any payments in connection with this scholarship award are in Euro (EUR).

Duration of the scholarship

13. The scholarship is only intended for the duration as detailed in the scholarship award letter.
14. After the end of the scholarship period all rights and claims related to the scholarship award expire.
15. Extension of the scholarship period is not possible.

Withdrawal

16. DUO may decide to withdraw the scholarship at any point if:
 - the scholarship holder does not comply with these obligations, or rules and regulations and/or instructions of the Dutch host 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;
 - continuing the scholarship may pose a threat to Dutch knowledge security.
17. DUO 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.

¹ As of academic year 2022-2023.

² Scholarship holders who have been awarded a scholarship before 1 January 2023 will receive both the 2nd and 3rd installment in 1 payment (paid in March 2023).

Reporting

18. A scholarship holder must submit an intermediate and final report if their maximum (total) scholarship award is EUR 25,000 or more³. (this is usually the case for scholarship periods of more than 1 year):

- The intermediate report must be submitted before 15 June of every year during the entire scholarship period.
- The final report must be submitted within 2 months after the end date of the scholarship period.

The report consists of a short form which must be filled in by the Dutch university. The mandatory formats can be found on www.studyinnl.org/sino-dutch. The reports must be emailed to sds@nuffic.nl.

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

Privacy

19. The personal data of candidates and/or scholarship holders provided in the scholarship application will be used by Nuffic, DUO and the Ministry of Education, Culture for the purposes of administration, assessment, selection, monitoring and evaluation of the EUI Programme. All personal data will be processed in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). For more information about the processing of your personal data, the data retention periods and your rights as a subject under the GDPR, we would like to refer you to the privacy statement of Nuffic at www.nuffic.nl/privacy and the privacy statement of DUO at www.duo.nl/particulier/privacy-en.jsp.

Liability

20. Nuffic, DUO 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.

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

³ This concerns the total amount awarded by Nuffic (scholarship awards before 1 January 2023) and DUO.