Call for Application for the 2014 Confucius Institute Scholarship

Now it is the time to submit your application for the 2014 Confucius Institute Scholarship offered through the Confucius Institute at the University of Delaware.

Categories of the 2014 scholarship include:

1) Scholarship for Students of Master's Degree in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTCSOL)
2) Scholarship for One-Academic-Year Students
3) Scholarship for One-Semester Students

Applicants shall be non-Chinese citizens in good health, aged between 16 and 35 (Chinese language teachers in post shall be aged below 45, and applicants for BTCSOL scholarship should be aged below 20).

Recipients of the scholarship can choose from a list of will be studying in Xiamen University, Xiamen, China.

I. Scholarship Category and Application Requirement

1) Scholarship for Students of MTCSOL

The scholarship is provided to outstanding students of Confucius Institutes (Classrooms), overseas local Chinese language teachers, outstanding performers on HSK exams, winners of the "Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competitions for Foreign College Students and for Foreign High School Students, and outstanding graduates of Chinese language across the world for taking the MTCSOL degree. The scholarship winner shall begin the study in autumn 2014, and the grant will cover two academic years. Applicants are required to have bachelor degrees or its equivalent with a score of at least 180 on the HSK (level 5) and a score of at least 50 on the HSKK (intermediate level), and make a written commitment stating that he/she will be engaged in Chinese language teaching for at least 5 years after graduation. Applicants with specific teaching posts arranged will be given admission priority (certification by the institution he/she will teach for is required). Hanban will provide support for outstanding graduates to return to their countries to teach.

2) Scholarship for One-Academic Year Students
The scholarship is provided to outstanding students of Confucius Institutes (Classrooms), winners of the “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competitions for Foreign College Students and for Foreign High School Students, overseas local Chinese language teachers, outstanding graduates of Chinese language across the world, and outstanding performers on the HSK, and those who intend to become Chinese teachers. The scholarship winner may choose to study majors including Chinese Language and Literature, Chinese History and Chinese Philosophy. The time of entrance is autumn 2014 and the grant term is one academic year. Applicants should achieve a score of at least 180 on the HSK (level 3) and at least 60 on the HSKK (primary level).

3) Scholarship for One-Semester Students

The scholarship is provided to outstanding students of Confucius Institutes (Classrooms), winners of the “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competitions for Foreign College Students and for Foreign High School Students, overseas local Chinese language teachers, outstanding graduates of Chinese language across the world, and outstanding performers on the HSK. The scholarship winner may choose to study majors including Chinese Language and Literature, Chinese History and Chinese Philosophy. The time of entrance is autumn 2014 or spring 2015 and the grant term is one semester. Applicants should achieve a score of at least 120 on the HSK (level 2) and at least 40 on the HSKK (primary level).

Applicants with HSK and HSKK scores will be given priority to all categories of scholarships. Winners of the finals of the “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competitions for Foreign College Students and for Foreign High School Students in China shall arrange their applications in accordance with the prize specifications. Repetitive applications are invalid.

All applicants are encouraged to take HSK tests. The Confucius Institute at UD will offer HSK tests on April 12 and May 10. Please contact Ms. Kuangbin Fan (email fank@udel.edu) for details no later than March 21 for April tests and April 18 for May tests.

II. Scholarship Coverage and Criteria

Scholarship winners are exempt from registration fees, tuition, fees for basic learning materials, accommodation fees on campus, and are provided with a one-off resettlement subsidy, monthly allowance, outpatient medical service and comprehensive insurance for foreign students studying in China. Monthly allowances are at the following rates (CNY Yuan per month):

a. CNY 1,400 for One-Academic-Year Students and One-Semester Students.

b. CNY 1,700 for Master’s Degree Students.
The one-off resettlement subsidy is CNY 1,500 for students who will study in China for one academic year or more; CNY1,000 will be provided to all students who studies in China for one semester; the one-off resettlement subsidy will not be provided to those who have studied in China for more than half a year before being enrolled.

III. Application Procedure

Applicants should create an account and log on to http://cis.chinese.cn, complete and submit the “Confucius Institute Scholarship Application Form” online, and attach the electronic files of the following materials:

1. Photocopy of passport photo page.
2. Photocopies of HSK, HSKK score reports.
3. Notarized highest education diploma attained (scheduled graduation proof or official proof of student status).
4. Name and contact information of at least two academic or professional references.
5. Applicants under the age of 18 shall submit relevant legal documents of entrusted legal guardians in China.
6. Winners of the finals of the “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competitions for Foreign College Students and for Foreign High School Students in China shall submit the certificate of scholarship. Winners of preliminary rounds of the “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competitions in their countries shall submit award proof and a reference letter from the Chinese Embassy (or Consulate) in the competition area.

Please also submit your application form, current resume and personal statement (please specify why you are interested in the scholarship and how it would benefit your future study and long term career goal) via email to fank@udel.edu or drop it off at the CIUD’s office on 121 E Delaware Avenue, Newark, DE 19711.

Application Deadline: April 7, 2014

Please be advised that you will be asked to provide more documents once you pass the first round selection. First round interview will be held during the week of April 24, 2014.