Studentship Application Form

China Scholarship Council-Surrey

This application from is to be used for the China Scholarship Council-Surrey Award.

PhD Start Date: October 2025

Application Form Deadline: 27 January 2025

* When you apply for a place on your chosen PhD programme through Surrey Self Service, please also detail which studentship opportunity you will be applying for.
* Funding application forms should be completed electronically and returned to doctoralcollege@surrey.ac.uk. Please see the Guidance Notes for further information on filling in this form.
* You will receive a confirmation of receipt email within five business days of submitting your studentship application form. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Please note that, if selected for this award, you will also need to make an application directly to the China Scholarship Council.

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| Section 1: Personal Details |
| Forename(s) | Surname | University Number \* |
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| Do you meet the university English Language Requirements? \*\* | Yes / No *(delete appropriate)* |

\*Also known as an URN, a 7-digit number emailed to you within 48 hours of creating an online application for a place on a PhD programme. If you have not yet received this before submitting your application, please enter TBC in the above box and email doctoralcollege@surrey.ac.uk once you have received this.

\*\* Please note that you will need to submit evidence of meeting the university English Language Requirements to admissions@surrey.ac.uk by 3 March 2025. See guidance notes for details.

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| Section 2: Programme Details |
| Please indicate which Faculty you wish to apply to: |
| \*FABSS [ ]  | FEPS [ ]  | FHMS [ ]  |
| PhD Programme: |  |
| Name of Department/School: |  |
| Name of Research Centre (where relevant): |  |
| Are you applying for one of the CSC priority areas? | Yes [ ] No [ ]  |

\*Please tick the FASS box for applications for the Department of Higher Education

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| Section 3: Education and Qualifications |
| Educational Experience: |
| Institution | Degree Level and Title *(e.g., BSc Physics)* | Degree Result / Anticipated Result | Dates *(mm/yy – mm/yy)* |
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| **If you completed a research project as part of your undergraduate and/or postgraduate studies, please provide details below** |
| Title of **undergraduate** research project |  |
| Brief description of project (max 100 words) |  |
| Result for project/anticipated result for project |  |
| Title of **postgraduate** research project |  |
| Brief description of project (max 100 words) |  |
| Result for project/anticipated result for project |  |

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| **Please provide details of any prizes for academic performance and/or any scholarships you have been awarded** |
| Award Year | Name/details of prize/scholarship |
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| **Please provide details of any research outputs, for example conference presentations, journal articles, inventions** |
| Date | Details of research output |
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| **Please provide details of any prizes for research for example conference prizes, research or innovation prizes, success in competitions** |
| Date | Details of prizes |
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| **Please provide details of any professional experience that is relevant to your application. This might include employment, internships or placements** |
| Job Title | Organisation | Dates *(mm/yy – mm/yy)* | Relevant achievements |
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| Section 4: Personal Statement |
| Please use this space to explain i) how your previous experience demonstrates that you are an excellent candidate; ii) how your previous experience demonstrates has prepared you for doctoral research and this project; iii) how this PhD will support your career aspirations (maximum 250 - 500 words). |
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| Section 5: Research Project Proposal |
| **Title of Research Project:** |
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| **Executive Summary:** Describe your project in a way that can be understood by a non-expert audience (maximum 150 words). |
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| **ProjectProposal*:***Please use this space to set out the proposal for the research project (maximum 500 - 1000 words; including references). |
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| Section 6: Project Costing |
| Please provide an estimate cost of project (other than fees and stipend) that includes bench fees (if applicable), consumables and travel. Provide a clear description of how each of these costs will be met. This is not an application for additional funding, but to help the panel assess feasibility of project. |
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**Sections 7 to 8 are to be completed by the potential supervisory team.**

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| Section 7: Supervision |
| Name of Primary Supervisor:  |  |
| Email address: |  |
| \*Current supervisory commitments: | As Primary Supervisor |  |
| As Secondary Supervisor |  |
| Name of Secondary Supervisor:  |  |
| Email address: |  |
| \*Current supervisory commitments: | As Primary Supervisor |  |
| As Secondary Supervisor |  |

\*Do not name or list current PGRs, only note the number of current commitments.

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| **Expertise of Supervisory Team -** explain the relevance of the expertise of the supervisory team for the project and the roles of each member of the supervisory team. If a member of the supervisory team is an early career researcher/academic please give details (maximum 250 words). |
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| **Researcher Environment and Training -** briefly summarise the environment and relevant training/expertise available to the researcher (maximum 250 words). |
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| Section 8: University Research Strategy |
| Please outline the extent to which the project and student are aligned with the University’s Research Strategy, in particular how the work will contribute to addressing the Grand Challenges and how it is envisioned that research will be impactful. Also, if you are not applying for a CSC priority area, please justify why the application should be considered under the scheme. *(maximum 350 words).* |
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| Section 9: Applicant’s declaration |
| I confirm that the information I have provided in this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge at this date. I fully understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that all parts of my application are submitted in due time and that any missing information may render my application incomplete and ineligible. |
| Applicant Signature | Date |
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| Section 10: Supervisor and Head of Department/School/Centre declaration |
| I confirm that the information I have provided in this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge at this date. As HoD/HoS/HoC I can confirm that adequate resources are in place to support this studentship application. |
| Primary Supervisor Signature | Date |
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| Secondary Supervisor Signature | Date |
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| HoD / HoS / HoC Signature | Date |
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