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MOFCOM Scholarship Programme in China – 2026

Master Programme of Urban and Rural Planning – Beijing Jiaotong University

The Government of the People's Republic of China has invited nominations from eligible government sector officials for the above-mentioned scholarship programme. Detailed information on the programme, together with the 2026 Enrolment Guide, including eligibility criteria, scholarship coverage, and application procedures, are annexed herewith and will also be made available on the Department of External Resources (ERD) website (www.erd.gov.lk).

This programme is designed to equip participants with functional expertise, strategic perspectives, and public policy management competencies required to operate effectively in a dynamic and evolving environment. It further provides an opportunity to gain valuable insights into both the achievements and challenges of China's policy-making processes, thereby enhancing participants' understanding of development practices.

Accordingly, you are kindly requested to circulate the programme details among the Departments, Divisions, and Institutes gazetted under your purview and to forward suitable nominations to the ERD. Nominations should be submitted in compliance with TA Circular No. 2013/2014(ii) dated 24 October 2013 of the Ministry of Finance and Planning, together with the following documents:

- Nomination Letter from the respective Ministry (covering letter with recommendation)
- Duly completed Application Form (computer fillable version), downloadable from www.erd.gov.lk
- Soft copy of the completed Application Form in Word format, with an inserted electronic passport-size photograph (to be emailed to info@erd.gov.lk)
- Physical Examination Form (downloadable from www.erd.gov.lk)
- Duly completed ERD Form (downloadable from www.erd.gov.lk)
- One coloured scanned copy of the passport (bio-data page), valid for at least six months from the commencement date of the programme
- All other documents specified in the application procedure outlined in the attached information document, and any other documents required under the respective university application process.

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Applicants are further required to submit their applications through the online application system of the respective university, in accordance with the relevant enrolment guidelines. In addition, applicants are requested to access the China Scholarship Council (CSC) online application portal (www.campuschina.org) and register under "Scholarship Application for Students." Applicants should carefully adhere to the application procedures stipulated in the 2026 Enrolment Guide.

Applicants are advised to ensure strict compliance with all eligibility criteria specified in the Enrolment Guide, including academic qualifications, age limits, and service requirements, where applicable.

It is also kindly requested that each nomination be duly certified and endorsed by the Head of the respective Department/Institution, confirming that the applicant meets all eligibility requirements and that the nomination is submitted with official concurrence.

Please ensure that complete applications are submitted to ERD on or before **4:00 p.m. on 12 May 2026**. Ministries are kindly requested to complete their internal screening and approval processes sufficiently in advance to facilitate timely submission. Only duly completed applications (items i–vii), received on or before the stipulated deadline, will be considered. Incomplete or non-compliant applications will not be processed.

Applications received by ERD will be forwarded to the Economic and Commercial Office of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Sri Lanka for the selection process. Shortlisted candidates will be informed in due course regarding the subsequent steps of the admission process.

For any clarifications relating to the application procedure, applicants may contact the Department of External Resources through the designated focal point of the Ministry/ institution.

Please note that, upon confirmation of selection, nominees are expected to honour their acceptance and refrain from withdrawal except under exceptional and unavoidable circumstances. As these opportunities are extended for the benefit of the country, withdrawals after selection may adversely affect Sri Lanka's standing and result in the loss of valuable training opportunities, while depriving other deserving officers. Accordingly, Ministries and applicants are kindly requested to ensure that nominations are submitted only with a firm and unconditional commitment to participate.

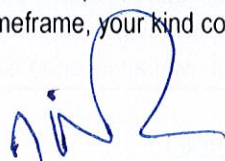
The Government of the People's Republic of China will provide a full scholarship covering the following expenses:

- Tuition fees
- Accommodation
- Round-trip international airfare
- Living allowance in China
- Medical insurance

The following expenses shall be borne by the applicant:

- Passport and visa fees

As the required information is to be submitted to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China within a limited timeframe, your kind cooperation in expediting the nomination process would be highly appreciated.



Tharanga Liyanage
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1. 2026 Enrolment Guide, China Scholarship Council
2. Master Programme of Urban and Rural Planning, Beijing Jiaotong University Information Guide



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Beijing Jiaotong University

2026 Master Program of Urban and Rural Planning

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I Program Description

1. General information

1.1 Brief introduction

Academic Degree Education Programs for developing countries sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China were established in 2008 with the help of the Chinese government's foreign aid funds. Specially established to train high-end economic, trade and commercial officials and management personnel for recipient countries, dedicated to cultivating high-level, complex and applied talents in the fields of politics, trade and commerce, diplomacy, agriculture, science, education, culture and health, energy and transport, public administration, etc., in order to provide intellectual support for the promotion of economic and social development in recipient countries. The programs offer one-year and two-year Master's degree programs, along with three-year Doctoral degree programs, focusing on providing financial assistance for in-service government officials, academic institution researchers, and senior managers in related fields from the recipient countries to pursue English-taught Master's and Doctoral degrees in China. Given the short duration of the programs, applicants are required to have a Bachelor's degree and relevant working experiences to ensure a comprehensive grasp of the lectures and course materials. In addition, decent health condition is imperative for the applicants to adjust well in the high-compact academic schedule, and finally get their degree.

The program is playing an increasing role in economic and trade cooperation and development between the participants' countries and China, and is highly valued by the participants' governments.

The Master Program of Urban and Rural Planning aims to cultivate high-level applied talents who are adapted to the international trend, with a solid theoretical foundation,

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and can meet the practical work needs of the urban planning industry and profession. Through systematic and comprehensive learning of urban planning and construction, students are expected to engage independently in urban planning and construction practices. The program also equips them with strong capability of innovating to adapt to the new trends of economic construction and global competition as result of globalization, fostering their leadership in urban planning and construction.

As the “Belt and Road” initiative is advanced, regional and urban planning plays an important role in “planning first”. The Master’s program in Urban and Rural Planning, conducted entirely in English, aims to cultivate high-level talents for urban planning and management who have an international perspective and are familiar with Chinese situations. In addition, the program is a response to China’s 14th “Five Year Plan”, which makes contribution to building a community with a shared future for mankind, creating a new pattern of open cooperation with the outside world, and promoting the export of production capacity. In line with the “Going Global” strategy of China’s high-speed rail and leveraging Beijing Jiaotong University’s strength in railway traffic, the students will provide significant support for expanding comprehensive transportation-related regional and urban construction and implementing the national “Belt and Road” initiative.

We believe that by attending the programs and achieving the degrees, you will embrace a successful career and brighter future.

1.2 Prospective Students

Government officials at or above the division level, heads of academic institutions at or above the level of department chairpersons, or administrators of comparable rank, and professional and technical cadres in urban and rural planning.

1.3 Program Objective

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To train high-level, multi-disciplinary and well-applied talents in the field of urban and rural planning.

1.4 Enrollment Plan

The Master Program of Urban and Rural Planning is a two-year program, consisting of course study and professional research practice. This year, we have planned to enroll up to 20 students in our master program. The language of instruction and guidance, project report writing and evaluation, as well as thesis writing and the final defense, is in English.

1.5 Financial Aid

- (1) The scholarship covers tuition, teaching materials expenses, researching and investigation fee, thesis guidance fees, subsidies for English-taught programs etc.
- (2) Accommodation will be provided by Beijing Jiaotong University free of charge.
- (3) Stipend: 36,000 RMB/year/person for master's students, distributed on a monthly basis according to the actual duration of stay in China.
- (4) There is also a settlement allowance of 3000 RMB per person.
- (5) Comprehensive medical insurance is also covered and the university will purchase the insurance for each student.
- (6) The scholarship also includes round-trip international airfare for all the students (for one-year program, the scholarship will cover one time round-trip international airfare. One round-trip international air ticket is provided for 2 years and above, and n-1 (n being the number of academic years) round-trip air tickets are provided for family visits to the home country.
- (7) All students should take annual review. Students who successfully pass exams and meet the standards will continue to get the full scholarship.

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(8) Other fees will be managed by the Ministry of Commerce or BJTU, and will not be given to students. Ministry of commerce will only provide scholarship for students within the standard duration of the program. Students who delay their graduation for any reasons will not receive continuous scholarship.

2. Overview of the University

2.1 Brief introduction of BJTU



Founded in 1896, Beijing Jiaotong University (formerly Northern Jiaotong University) is one of the three sources of Jiaotong Universities, the first higher education institution specializing in the training of management personnel in China, and the birthplace of modern railway management and telecommunication education in China. Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU) is a multidisciplinary national key university and one of the first doctoral and master's degree-granting universities in China. The university takes advantage of disciplines such as information and management, and features transportation science and technology. After 130 years' development, Beijing Jiaotong University has become an important base for cultivating talents for social and economic construction, especially for the modernization and construction of rail transportation.

BJTU has 3,296 full-time teaching staff, including 2,113 full-time teachers (1,519 with professional and technical titles of associate senior and above, and 2,035 with master's degree or above). There are 2 academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, 2 academicians of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, 1 foreign

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academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, 8 national teaching masters, 6 members of the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council Discipline Evaluation Group, 84 teachers selected for various national major talent projects, and 2 talents of “four batch” training project of the Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China.

Beijing Jiaotong University attaches great importance to the international education so as to bring out the power of a multidisciplinary system with bachelor, master, doctoral programs and preparatory programs in the fields of engineering, management, economy, science, arts, law, and philosophy. A variety of scholarships are available for international students, such as Chinese Government Scholarship, Confucius Institute Scholarship, Beijing Municipal Government Scholarship and BJTU Scholarship for international students. Up to 2025, there are more than 1800 international students from over 100 countries studying at BJTU.

BJTU has two campuses in the Haidian District of Beijing, which is known as the “resort of learning”, with a total area of nearly 1,000 mu and a building area of more than 1 million square metres; There is a Weihai Campus in Weihai City, Shandong Province, which covers an area of more than 1,000 acres; all campuses are equipped with perfect teaching and research facilities and a beautiful campus environment.

Home page of BJTU:<http://www.bjtu.edu.cn>

College of international education: <http://cie.bjtu.edu.cn>

2.2 Brief introduction of SAAD

School of Architecture and Design currently has more than 100 faculty members, 80% of which have overseas experience. At the Urban Planning Department, there are

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currently 23 faculty members, 90% of which have overseas experience. In addition, the Department plans to invite famous scholars overseas to lectures as a result of the joint “YinZhi” project of Ministry of Education, SAFEA and the school. 18 English-taught courses are



now offered at SAAD. Through the launch of English courses and the organization of international student workshop, SAAD is experienced in organizing international courses and administering international students.

2.3 Introduction of living environment and conditions

The climate of Beijing is a typical warm temperate and semi-humid continental monsoon climate. It is hot and rainy in summer, cold and dry in winter, short in spring and autumn. The average annual temperature is 10~12 degrees Celsius. The average temperature of the four seasons is 1-12 degrees Celsius in spring, 18-29 degrees Celsius in summer, 15-25 degrees Celsius in autumn and -5-5 degree Celsius in winter. As the capital, Beijing’s cost of living is relatively high, but students tend to incur lower expenses while studying at school. Students who receive full scholarships find their stipend sufficient to cover living costs. As the national center of politics, economy, culture, and international exchanges, Beijing is rich in academic resources and historical and cultural relics.

For this program, the accommodation standard for students is one person per room.

The conditions of the dormitory are as follows:

Single room with bathroom; public kitchen and laundry;

The dormitory is equipped with a TV, telephone, air conditioning, internet access, a single bed (including bedding), a desk with bookshelves, and a wardrobe.

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3. Education Plan

3.1 Curriculum Arrangement

(1) Course type and credit arrangement

Course Type	Course Module	Course Title	Credit	Credit Required	Remark
Educational Enhancement Platform	National Conditions Education	China Panorama	2	3	Required
		Chinese Culture	1		One of the two is required
		Contemporary Chinese Society	1		
	Comprehensive Attainment Course	Information Retrieval	1	2	Required (The actual courses offered are subject to the annual course schedule.)
		Cross Cultural Communication	1		
		Innovation and Entrepreneurship	1		
		Engineering Ethics	1		
		Art Museum Aesthetic Education Practice	1		
	Syllabus for Lectures on Urban Structure and Travel Behavior	1			
	Comprehensive Attainment Practice	Comprehensive Attainment Practice	1	1	Required
Capacity Enhancement Platform	Language Ability Module	Academic Writing Skills Section	Thesis Writing A	1	Required
		Chinese Proficiency Section	Elementary Comprehensive Chinese I	3	
Platform for further professional education	Subject Specialization Core Curriculum	Principles of Urban Planning	3	10	Required
		Lectures on Future cities	2		
		GIS and Urban Spatial Information Analysis Method	3		
		Smart City and Sustainable Design	3		

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Professional Development Course	Urban Master Plan	4	7	Elective (The actual courses offered are subject to the annual course schedule.)
	Theory and Practice of Ecocity	3		
	Historical and Cultural Heritage Protection and Sustainable Regeneration	3		
	Planning and Design of Development Zone	2		
	Traffic Planning and Forecasting	3		
	Research on Modern Architectural Modeling	3		
	Social Survey of Urban Planning	2		
	Urban and Regional Planning Theory	2		
	Principles of Urban Economics	2		
	Future City International Workshop	2		
	Academic Thesis Writing B	2		
	Lectures on Urban Structure and Travel Behavior	2		

(2) Course Contents

Course Title	Content
Chinese Culture	This course uses Chinese characters, Chinese cuisine, Tang poetry and Peking Opera in Chinese culture as learning materials, and deepens students' knowledge and understanding of Chinese language and culture through knowledge explanations.
China Panorama	This course comprehensively introduces China's history and natural conditions, China's political system, economic development and the current situation of China's society. It is a basic course to help students deeply learn and understand Chinese language and culture.
Cross Cultural Communication	This course aims to explain the theory of cross-cultural communication and how it affects communication, introduces language and non-verbal and cross-cultural communication, and demonstrates how to communicate with people from different countries in different situations through scenario simulation.
Information Retrieval	This course aims to cultivate a sense of information, and the students' academic aptitude of obtaining, evaluating and using information. The course based on the resources of the library of Beijing Jiaotong University, and guide the students a fully understand and use the services of the library, teach the students to

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	analysis the project, the data base, network retrieval and the application of one to two reference management tools. This course also promotes students to use RSS, DELICIOUS, ZOTERO and other social tools to develop a scientific and efficient research habit, guides students to use APA, MLA and TURIBIAN and other formats to write academic papers.
Contemporary Chinese Society	This course introduces all aspects of contemporary Chinese society, including China's natural conditions, cultural customs, political system, economic development and social status. It is a knowledge course to help students deeply study and understand contemporary Chinese culture and social life.
Elementary Chinese	This course aims to cultivate students' basic knowledge and skills of Chinese. Based on the text in the textbook, explain the relevant vocabulary, sentence pattern and grammatical structure; carry out oral and written exercises, and carry out writing exercises appropriately.
Chinese Advanced	The main goal of this course is to improve the level of Chinese, which is mainly for students with a certain foundation of Chinese. After the completion of different levels of learning through modular teaching, learners' Chinese level is expected to be improved by 1-6 levels on the original basis.
Business Chinese for success	This course includes knowledge and skills of international business Chinese, language style and characteristics of business Chinese, commonly used business Chinese vocabulary, phrases and sentence patterns. It focuses on cultivating students' basic ability to engage in business activities in Chinese.
Advanced Applied Chinese	Through translation practice, Chinese speech, Chinese debate, hosting, advanced Chinese audio-visual speaking and other special skills training, we can further improve students' language knowledge structure and enhance their language application ability.
Principles of urban planning	This course will continue to expand to new topics and trends at home and abroad. One belt, one road city will be chosen as an example to explore the development of urban planning theory and practice from the perspective of comparative perspective. At the same time, the common challenges of city planning and future city planning and the application of new technology will also be discussed. The course introduces urban planning and community planning trends in China and other countries. Under the requirements of the times, it also adds the chapter of Chinese community planning dominated by humanistic care, reflecting the same goal of the East and the West from paying attention to material space to paying attention to social problems.
Lectures on future cities	This course focuses on the topics related to the relationship between urban occupation and residence, transportation and land use, accessibility and urban rail transit. The purpose of this course is to enable students to learn how to apply one or more research methods, explain the conclusions obtained, and provide suggestions for urban transportation policies by taking the research topics in the lecture as examples.
	According to the needs of urban planning and related majors in the

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GIS and urban spatial information analysis method	<p>future course learning and employment, this course will be supplemented and improved on the basis of other quantitative analysis courses, so as to improve the ability of comprehensive analysis of data, spatial analysis and the use of practical and data to solve practical problems.</p> <p>In terms of spatial analysis, the course will be closely integrated with planning practice to improve the skills of solving practical planning problems. These analyses include the application of network analysis method to solve traffic planning problems, the application of spatial distribution analysis method to solve social planning and community planning problems, the establishment of simple data model methods to solve land planning problems and cadastral management, and through remote sensing analysis method to analyze the problem of urbanization.</p>
Smart city and sustainable design	<p>By teaching the latest developments in smart city, this course enables students to have a preliminary understanding of cloud computing, big data, artificial intelligence and other cutting-edge topics in computer science, as well as the knowledge system of smart city, smart city documents of various countries and the significance of smart city construction. The objective of this course is to enable students to understand the future information society and its potential, to understand the influence and change of information science and technology on the concept and working mode of architecture and urban design, and learn to integrate the concept and technology application of smart city into future design works, and inspire students to think forward-looking in future smart city design.</p>
Urban Master Plan	<p>This course is the core course of master of urban and rural planning, which teaches the basic theory and planning methods of urban master planning. Students are required to choose a certain town or city as an example for planning investigation, analysis and planning practice.</p>
Historical and cultural heritage protection and sustainable regeneration	<p>The theme of this course is "protection and sustainable regeneration of urban and rural heritage". The teaching objects are international students majoring in urban and rural planning. The core objective of the course is to teach the typical practice in the process of urban development in China in the form of cases, so that students from all over the world can explain the basic experience, system and policy, operation methods and results of urban protection and renewal in China, so that students from all countries can master the latest experience, basic systems and practical methods in this field. Students will be able to apply the knowledge taught in the course to scientifically analyze specific case practices and general situations in their country and produce a research report.</p>
Theory and practice of eco city	<p>This course is an interdisciplinary subject of ecology and urban science. It covers many elements of natural science and social science. It is a science to study the relationship between human activities and urban environment. In theory, it focuses on the causes of the occurrence and development of urban ecosystem, the law of combination and distribution, the relationship between structure and</p>

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	<p>function, and the mechanism of regulation and control. In terms of application, this course aims to apply ecological principles to the evaluation, planning, construction and management of cities to achieve rational structure, efficient function and harmonious relationship in terms of optimizing the structure of urban ecosystems, regulating system relationships, improving the efficiency of material transformation and energy use, and improving the quality of the environment, so as to enhance the vitality of cities.</p>
<p>Urban and regional planning theory</p>	<p>The course mainly introduces the basic concepts and contents of urban planning, the development process of urban planning theory and practice, the principles of overall and detailed urban planning in China, and the administrative and legal system of urban planning. Through the course study, students will master the basic knowledge of urban planning and the basic theory of urban planning, understand the development process of urban planning theory and practice, understand the purpose and procedures of urban planning compilation, and understand the legal system and technical provisions of urban planning. This course focuses on the mastery of detailed urban planning and residential planning and design, so that students can master the principles and methods of residential area planning and design, and master the basic compilation requirements of urban construction detailed planning, and cultivate students to establish the overall development concept of the city.</p>
<p>Social survey of urban planning</p>	<p>The course is a special research course for urban and rural planning major. It mainly teaches the professional investigation methods of urban and rural planning, and trains and fosters the investigation ability of urban and rural planning combined with a certain urban and rural planning theme. The course has two objectives: first, master the general survey methods of urban and rural planning; second, master the writing of urban and rural planning research report; third, cultivate the collective work spirit, ability and habit of urban planning.</p>
<p>Future City International Workshop</p>	<p>Through the exchange with international teachers and students and discussion on the same city problems, this course can enhance the understanding of city and architecture and the analysis of new technology support from the international perspective, which may become a necessary link in the education of planners and architects in the future. The purpose of the workshop is to strengthen the scientific research cooperation between China and the United States in the field of urban and architectural research, promote the exchange of scholars, the construction of teaching and discipline platforms, analyze and research urban problems by applying new technology such as information technology and data technology, and build a research platform for creating a better urban environment in the future.</p>
<p>Research on modern architectural modeling</p>	<p>The purpose and task of this course is to enable students to understand the origin and development process of modern architectural modeling theory, as well as the new exploration and achievements of modern architectural modeling language and composition methods in Europe and America in recent years; to</p>

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	master the production and basic techniques of manual and computer models, as well as modern architectural modeling language and grammar.
Academic thesis writing	Through the study of this course, students can master the writing standards and graduation requirements of dissertations, and enhance the standardization of dissertations through the training links of literature review, topic opening and pre defense.
Principles of Urban Economics	This course is an introduction to urban economy and public policy from an international perspective, focusing on topics such as urbanization, urban land use, housing, location selection, urban development and renewal, welfare economics, urban public finance, environment and urban transportation. The main purpose of the course is to enable students to understand the basic theories and concepts of urban economics. This paper takes an international perspective, combined with the international background to apply in China. The main purpose of the course is to enable students to understand the basic theories and concepts of urban economics and apply them in China with comparative methods and in combination with international background. The task of the course is to enable students to master the core theory of economics and understand the application of economic ideas in urbanization, urban land use, housing, location selection, urban development and renewal, welfare economics, urban public finance, environment and urban transportation.
Traffic planning and forecasting	Through the study of this course, students can understand the important role of roads and traffic in the city, make systematic analysis of urban traffic, put forward reasonable planning, and complete the planning and design of urban road network. It includes: urban road traffic analysis, urban traffic planning and road network planning, urban road cross-section design, urban road surface and longitudinal section design, urban road intersection design, urban road utilities, urban road traffic control and management.
Art Museum Aesthetic Education Practice	This course is designed to take on-site visits to art venues as the main teaching form, and strives to enable students to integrate relevant art knowledge, professional know-hows and social practice through viewing exhibitions and visiting venues. Course teaching focuses on the understanding and establishment of students' extensive artistic knowledge system. It focuses on helping students build their understanding and perception of modern and contemporary art ideas and Chinese artistic spirit through aesthetic practices in art venues. This course uses different forms of art education to guide students to explore possibilities for establishing intersections and integration between disciplines, majors, and knowledge. At the same time, it allows students to truly experience the importance of aesthetics in life, provides targeted and methodological basis for the self-formation of aesthetic methods, and stimulates students' enthusiasm and sense of responsibility for the integration of art and culture.
Lectures on Urban Structure and	This course plans to invite well-known experts at home and abroad who focus on in-depth discussions on cutting-edge urban

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Travel Behavior	transportation issues in terms of theory, methods, and practice, aiming to broaden students' interests and help them understand and apply the decision-making process of transportation planning. The course is divided into four modules: theoretical review, research methods, data acquisition and analysis, and practical application.
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3.2 Academic and Practical Module

(1) Course type and credit arrangement

Course Type	Course Module	Credit	Credit Requirement	Remark
Academic and Practical Model	Academic Meeting	1	5	Required
	Thesis Proposal(Opening Report)	1		
	Thesis Mid-term Assessment	1		
	Professional Practice	2		

(2) Course Descriptions

Course Title	Content
Academic Meeting	The master's degree student should participate in regular academic meetings arranged by supervisors.
Thesis Proposal (Opening Report)	After determining the topic of the thesis, the proposal report should be completed, and the proposal report should be completed in the third semester. The opening of master's thesis is generally organized by the College (discipline), and the latest time is not less than half a year from the date of application and defense.
Thesis Mid-term Assessment	After completing the opening report, students need to complete a mid-term examination of the dissertation as required by the Faculty.
Professional Practice	By participating in urban planning cognition and practice, students will acquire the basic skills that professional planners possess and develop the values, skills and literacy of planners. Clarify the data that needs to be collected for urban planning, and participate in the work process of urban planning management and implementation, so as to be familiar with the organization and approval procedures, and master the mechanism of urban planning management and implementation.

3.3 Semester arrangement

Items	Time	Note
Registration	September 1, 2026	Refer to the admission letter for the registration date
First day of Class	September 1, 2026	

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First term	September, 2026- January, 2027	The specific time of each term refers to school calendar. Generally speaking, winter vacation lasts about 4-5 weeks, and summer vacation lasts about 6-8 weeks.
Second term	February, 2027-July, 2027	
Third term	September, 2027- January, 2028	
Fourth term	February, 2028-July, 2028	
Graduation	August, 2028	

4. Graduation Thesis

(1) Requirements for the Graduation Thesis

The graduation thesis should focus on practical issues derived from engineering practices. Usually, students choose the topic of the thesis in the third semester, and then do the opening report and mid-term assessment. Those who pass the assessment will pursue a Master's degree according to the training plan; those who fail to pass the assessment should submit the opening report again after making modifications.

(2) Requirements for Thesis Defense

The thesis defense takes place at the end of the fourth semester. Before applying for the thesis defense, master's students must complete all components specified in the training program and achieve satisfactory grades. The thesis will be reviewed by two senior faculty members or master's graduate supervisors with engineering practice experiences. The defense committee will be composed of 3 to 5 experts who are senior faculty members or master's graduate supervisors with engineering practice experiences.

5. Degree Conferment

International students who pass the thesis defense will be granted the Master of Engineering degree by BJTU's degree evaluation committee upon approval.

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Master program (English Taught Program) students need to take the Chinese proficiency test to determine what courses they need to take. The language requirement before graduation is the Chinese HSK level 3 with the score of 180 or above.

II Application

1. Requirements

(1) Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens from developing countries, and be no more than 45 years old (Birth date after September 1st, 1981).

(2) All applicants should be in good physical and mental conditions; applicants must provide health certificate or physical examination form issued by a local public hospital, and the applicants cannot suffer from diseases that are prohibited by Chinese laws and regulations to enter and stay in China for a long period of time. Applicants must not be suffering from severe hypertension, cardiovascular or cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer or other serious chronic diseases, mental illnesses, or infectious diseases that may pose a significant risk to public health; applicants must not be recovering from major surgeries or acute illnesses, or have severe physical disabilities. Pregnant women are not allowed to come to China for training and will be withdrawn from the program if they become pregnant while studying in China.

(3) Applicants for the Master's program must have attained a Bachelor degree, and have more than 3 years of work experiences.

(4) Applicants with a professional background in studies or work related to the program applied for, and those currently employed, are preferred;

(5) Applicants should hold positions at or above the division level (or equivalent level) in government departments of their home countries, or be senior management personnel in institutions or enterprises, or academic backbones in universities and research institutions.

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(6) Applicants must be proficient in English and be able to study related course in English. (Reference standard: IELTS 6.0 and above, or TOEFL 80 and above)

(7) Applicants must possess the potential in the related work field, and be willing to devote themselves to communication and cooperation between their countries with P. R. China.

(8) Applicants who are currently studying in China or have been admitted by other Chinese Government Scholarship Programs will be disqualified to apply for this program.

2. Procedure

2.1 Application for admission

Please register in the online application system: <http://bjtu.17gz.org>;

Click on "Individual Application" on the homepage and select "Ministry of Commerce Scholarships" and "Master's Degree Program"; Choose "Urban and Rural Planning" as the major and "English" as the language of instruction.

Fill in the application information.

2.2 Materials

	Documents	Requirements	Original Copy	Photocopy
1	BJTU Application Form	Please visit http://bjtu.17gz.org , fill in the application form, print it out, sign and post a photo on it.	1	1
2	Chinese Government Scholarship Application Form	Please visit https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login , fill in the application form, print it out, sign, and post a photo on it.	1	1
3	Degree Certificates	Languages other than English and Chinese must be accompanied by notarized translations into Chinese or English.	1	1
4	Official Transcripts	Languages other than English and Chinese must be accompanied by notarized translations into Chinese or English.	1	1
5	Personal Statement	Applicants can elaborate on the specific content or professional information of the proposed study or research in China, etc. according to their own research field and research direction. Written in English (not less than 800 words).	1	1
6	CV	Personal background information and	1	1

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		Post-high school study and work experience		
7	Academic Recommendation Letters	Letters of recommendation from two professors or associate professors, written in English, covering the applicant's academic background, professional orientation, past performance and research ability as well as the recommender's personal evaluation of the applicant, signed by the recommender and providing contact information.	2	2
8	Recommendation Letter by Current Employer	A letter of recommendation from the applicant's organization, describing the applicant's basic situation and indicating the willingness to recommend him/her to study in China. The letter should be printed on the header paper of the organization and indicate the position, telephone number, email address and other contact information of the person who issued the letter of recommendation, signed by the person who issued the letter of recommendation and stamped with the official seal of the organization.	1	1
9	English Language Proficiency Certificate	For non-English speaking applicants, please provide TOEFL and IELTS transcripts.	1	1
10	Physical Examination Form	The result of the medical examination in the last 1 month, which proves that the applicant is not suffering from serious infectious diseases or disabilities affecting his/her field of study, or other diseases that the Chinese government does not allow to enter the country.	1	1
11	Photocopy of a Valid Passport	The passport type is an ordinary passport.	0	1
12	Passport Photo	Two 2-inch photos of the last 3 months with a white background and bareheaded	2	0
13	Valid Certificate of Non-Criminal Record	Issued by the police authority of your home country	1	1

Note: The scanned copies of the above documents (PDF format) should be uploaded to the application system of BJTU. The original documents should be brought with you when you register for admission.

2.3 Submission

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(1) Applicants can submit the applications for this scholarship program only after he or she got the approval or recommendation from relevant government authorities and submit all the application materials according to the specific requirement of relevant authority in his or her country.

(2) If the government in applicants' country allow applicants to submit the application documents directly to the Embassy of P.R.China, applicants must have the relevant approval certificate or recommendation letter issued by relevant authority in his or her country, and submit the original paper documents 1,2,3 listed above and email their scanned electronic documents to the Economic and Commercial Consular of the Embassy in applicants' country.

(3) Relevant authorities in the government of the applicants' country shall officially request the Economic and Commercial Consular of the Embassy for writing the recommendation letter of the applicants by means of a written request. The written request should indicate whether the applicant will accept a transfer to another school to study for a degree in the same or similar program if places in the school applied for have been exhausted. Please include any other special instructions in the written request.

(4) Applicants must finish application on Beijing Jiaotong University website (<http://bjtu.17gz.org>).

2.5 Reminders:

(1) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.

(2) Important documents such as Graduation Certificate, Degree Certificate, Transcript and Language Proficiency Certificate shall be submitted in both originals and photocopies for verification by the Economic and Commercial Department of the Chinese Embassy. After verification by the staff of the commercial office, the students will upload the scanned copies of the application materials to the online application system of BJTU.

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(3) All paper documents (including originals and copies) shall be taken back and kept properly after verification by the Economic and Commercial Office of the Embassy. Once you are admitted, you should bring these paper documents to China and submit them to the designated department of BJTU for review and filing.

3. Deadline

June 6, 2026

III Contacts and Reminders

1. Contacts

Contact person: Ms. Wang Kang

E-mail: bjtuadmission@foxmail.com

Telephone: (86-010) 51685457

Fax: (86-010) 51685258

Website: <http://bjtu.17gz.org>

Post Address: College of International Education, Beijing Jiaotong University, NO.3 Shangyuancun, Haidian District, Beijing, China.

Postcode: 100044

2. Reminders

(1) None of the materials submitted will be returned no matter what the result is.

(2) Chinese Government is not obliged to make any explanations on the results.

(3) The fees of students' spouse and children won't be covered.

(4) Some other procedures and requirements will be stated in the admission documents.



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MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program 2026 Enrollment Guide

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Part one: Program Introduction

I Brief Introduction

Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China is designed to foster high-end business officials and managerial personnel for the recipient countries, offering master programs and doctoral programs for the purpose of educating high-end and inter-disciplinary talent working in the applied fields of government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture and health, building intellectual capacity and facilitating the economic and social development of the recipient countries. These programs provide assistance to governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel on their master and doctor education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree or master degree, relevant working experiences, and decent physical conditions, essential for the high-compact curriculum needed for the degrees. The programs are playing a more and more important role in stimulating economic cooperation between China and students' home countries, which the host governments are attaching great attention to this program.

MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program is set up by Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China to further strengthen the communication and cooperation between China and other countries as well as to develop talents for developing countries. Starting from 2015, MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program mainly sponsors the young and the middle-aged talents from recipient countries to pursue their postgraduate degree education in China. China Scholarship Council is entrusted to administer the Scholarship.

II Supporting categories

MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program supports Master program and PhD program.

III Educational purpose

To cultivate high-level, versatile and application-oriented talents in the fields of politics, economy and trade, diplomacy, agriculture, science, education, culture and health, energy and transportation, and public administration.

IV Enrollment Plan

Designated universities and majors of this program is included in the attachment. Length of scholarship will be settled when admission is completed, which accords to the enrolled length of schooling, which shall be 2 or 3 years for Master Recipients and 3 or 4 year for PHD Recipients. Scholarship recipients must register for English-taught program.

V Scholarship Coverage

1. Students are exempt from tuition fee, teaching material fee, research and survey fee, allowance of English-taught program, dissertation guidance fee;

2. Free on-campus accommodation;
3. Monthly stipend:
 - 36000RMB per year per master student,
 - 42000RMB per year per PhD student;
- ※ *Stipends will be distributed to the students by the universities on a monthly basis according to the students' actual time spent in China.*
4. One-off resettlement fee: 3000RMB per person;
5. Free medical insurance for international students;
6. One-time round-trip international airfare for all the students (First time fly to China after enrollment, and Fly back to home country while graduation), and a maximum of “n-1” (“n” is for the length of schooling year which is set while the student was enrolled by the program) round-trip international airfares for home visits (one time per year set at the end of an academic year);
7. The annual review is compulsory for all students. Those who pass the review may continue to enjoy full scholarships in the next year.
8. Other expenses shall be managed and used by the Ministry of Commerce or the universities as a whole, and shall not be distributed to students. The Ministry of Commerce only provides students with financial support within their enrolled length of schooling. Students who postpone their graduation will not receive the continuing sponsorship.

Part Two: How to Apply

I Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be a citizen of a developing country other than the People’s Republic of China, and under the age of 45 (born after September 1, 1981);
- be healthy physically and mentally with a physical examination report issued by a local public hospital, and not having any disease or situation listed below:
 - a) Diseases prohibited by Chinese Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations
 - b) Other severe chronic diseases like high blood pressure, cardio-cerebrovascular disease, diabetes; psychological diseases; or other infectious diseases which may harm public health
 - c) In recovery period after major surgery or acute disease attacks
 - d) Severe physically challenged
 - e) Pregnancy (Students who become pregnant while studying in China will be expelled)
- with at least three years’ working experience, and be a bachelor’s degree holder when applying for master’s program; be a master’s degree holder when applying for doctoral program;
- be incumbents with a relevant educational background or working experience to the applied program are preferred;

- be public officials of division level and above (or corresponding level) in government sectors, or senior management staff of organizations and enterprises, or academic backbones of universities and research institutions;
- be sufficient in English which meets the academic requirements of the program, be equivalent to IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 80 and above level;
- be with the potential of professional development, and is committed to promoting the friendly exchanges and cooperation between the host country and China;
- be neither studying in China nor being admitted to other scholarship programs provided by Chinese government.

II Application Procedures

The Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office (ECCO) of the Chinese Embassy in your country will be open for application **until 6th June 2026.**

Application Online and Documents List

1. Application Form for MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program;
Ensure you have both submitted it online (visit www.campuschina.org, click "Scholarship Application for Students") and printed the hard copy. For more application instructions, please check Attachment I;
2. Photocopy of highest diploma;
3. Photocopy of academic transcripts;
4. A Study Plan or Research Proposal, plus a resume including the educational background and working experience after high school;
5. Two recommendation letters, including one from current employer and one from academic perspective;
6. Photocopy of the Foreigner Physical Examination Form;
7. Photocopy of the English proficiency certificate;
8. Photocopy of a valid passport;
9. Non-criminal Record Report. The applicant shall submit a valid certificate of Non-Criminal Record issued by the local public security authority, usually issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application.

Submission Offline

1. The applicants shall obtain the approval and recommendation from the relevant department of host country before applying for this scholarship. Afterwards, the applicants could submit application according to the requirements of above department.
2. For the applicants whose host government allows them to submit the application directly to the Embassy of China, please obtain the permission or recommendation letter from the host government which states that the applicant has been approved to study in China, and submit the original documents of the letter and other above mentioned application documents to the ECCO of Chinese Embassy in the host country. The scanned electronic edition of the documents is needed as well. For

emails and addresses of the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Offices, please visit <http://www.mofcom.gov.cn/>.

2. The responsible department of the host government shall submit a written request to the ECCO of Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter and clearly state:

- a) Whether the applicant is willing to be considered for a similar program at other universities if the applied programs could not accept the applicant.
- b) Other special requests if any.

Reminders:

- a) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.
- b) An original copy of degrees, transcripts, Foreigner Physical Examination Form and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification.
- c) Applicants will get back all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and photocopies from the ECCO of Chinese Embassy. If admitted, students must take the documents to China and submit them to the university for verification and archive.
- d) Bringing spouse or other dependent for accompanying is not allowed during the students' study in China. The scholarship will not provide any related cost;
- e) No explanation will be given on the enrollment result.
- f) Applications without the recommendation from the ECCO of Chinese Embassy will not be considered.

Part Three: Placement

Each applicant can choose maximally three preferred universities out of the 26 designated universities. CSC will place each applicant in one university only on the basis of their choices and universities' requirements.

Part Four: Admission & Registration

Scholarship winners will receive the admission package from ECCO of the Chinese Embassy after the enrollment result is confirmed, and must register at the host university before the deadline which is usually September, 2026. Regarding the registration and course arrangement for enrolled candidates, please keep in touch with the host universities and closely follow their relevant notices.

Attachment 1.

Instructions of the CSC Online Application System for MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC program

Please carefully read the instructions before applying for the scholarship.

Step 1: Visit “CSC Study in China” website and click “Scholarship Application for Students” at <http://www.campuschina.org>

Register an account through [CREATE AN ACCOUNT] and login with your account.

Step 2: Input Personal Details. Click “Edit Personal Details” and finish inputting personal details by filling in all the information, verifying and saving the information. After the completion of this section, return to the previous page by clicking “Finish” and start filling in your application information.

Step 3: Select the correct “Program Category”.

Please select Program Category “Type A”. **(Only for applicants of MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program)**

Step 4: Input the correct Agency Number.

Your Agency Number is: 00010. **(Only for applicants of MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program)**

Program Category and **Agency Number** are directly matched, both are mandatory for online application. Scholarship receiving authorities (or application processing authorities) will inform the program category and agency number to candidates who are qualified for applying.

After inputting agency number, the matched agency name will automatically show on the page. As **Program Category** and **Agency Number** are directly matched, application processing authorities will not receive your online application if the program category or agency number are not correct.

Step 5: Input Application Information

Next, please move on to the section of “Language Proficiency and Study Plan” and upload “Supporting Documents” as requested, then click “Submit” to complete the application. Check each part of your application carefully before submission. Please make sure that all the information and uploaded documents are valid and accurate.

When applicants of “Type A” application choose the “Preferences of Institutes”, system will automatically match the available universities according to the selected

“Student Category, Preferred teaching language”. With any inquiry concerning the available majors of each university, please visit the following website.
<http://www.campuschina.org/universities/index.html>

“Catalog of Discipline Field, First-level Discipline, Specialty” is available from the “Help”, applicants could download the file to identify the relation between Discipline and Major.

Step 6: Once submitted, amendment cannot be made on “Personal Details” and “Application Information”. Before the application being processed by the processing authorities, applicant can revoke the submitted application by clicking “Withdraw” and edit the application. After revoking the application, applicant must submit at second time after re-editing, or the application will not be processed. Once the application is processed, application cannot be revoked.

Step 7: Click” Print the Application Form” and download the form.

Step 8: Submit scholarship application under the requirements of the dispatching authorities (or application processing agency)

China Scholarship Council never entrust any individual or intermediary agent to process Chinese government scholarship applications. Kindly remind that all applicants to directly submit your scholarship applications through official dispatching authorities, avoiding being deceived. The website below is the only official website that China Scholarship Council publishing Study in China information, please do not trust information from any other portals or sources.

<http://www.campuschina.org/>

Notes:

Application with incorrect **Agency Number** will not be processed.

Please use Firefox or Internet Explorer (11.0).

For applicants using Internet Explorer, please close the “compatible view mode” function ahead of editing.

Please fill in all application information in Chinese or English.

Attachment 2.

The 26 Designated Universities

1	Peking University	14	East China Normal University
2	Tsinghua University	15	Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
3	Renmin University of China	16	Nanjing University
4	Beijing Normal University	17	Zhejiang University
5	Beijing Jiaotong University	18	Xiamen University
6	University of International Business and Economics	19	Shandong University
7	Beihang University	20	Wuhan University
8	Nankai University	21	Huazhong University of Science and Technology
9	Tianjin University	22	Wuhan University of Technology
10	Jilin University	23	Sun Yat-sen University
11	Fudan University	24	Southwest Jiaotong University
12	Shanghai Jiaotong University	25	Xi'an Jiaotong University
13	Tongji University	26	Harbin Institute of Technology