

Sichuan Provincial Government Scholarships for Victorian Students Application Guidelines

1. Background

The Province of Sichuan (P.R. China) and the State of Victoria established a partnership via a Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in Education in June 2014. During an April 2015 visit to Victoria, the Sichuan Department of Education offered scholarships to fifteen Victorians to study in Sichuan Province in 2015/2016.

2. Scholarships

The scholarships on offer for 2015/ 2016 are:

- 5 Undergraduate Degree Scholarships (4 years Bachelor studies, RMB 20,000 per year)
This covers the tuition fee, accommodation, insurance and basic living expenses (approx. RMB 600 per month).
- 10 'long term' Exchange Scholarships (1 year exchange program, RMB 10,000 per year)
This covers the tuition fee, accommodation, insurance, and basic living expenses (approx. RMB 600 per month).

3. Eligibility and conditions

1. To be eligible for the scholarships, an applicant must be a resident of Victoria.
2. Undergraduate studies must be undertaken at a higher education institutions in Sichuan Province which has been approved by the Chinese Ministry of Education. For the list of approved institutions, see:
http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua/upload/file/20140428/20140428115448_7896.pdf
3. Applicants wishing use the exchange scholarships to undertake Chinese language study are required to do so at Xihua University. This Chinese language program at Xihua University includes Chinese language and cultural classes and activities. For more information on this program, see the attached brochure.
4. Applicants wishing to undertake studies in areas other than language studies e.g. Chinese Medicine may apply to any of the approved institutions.

4. Application process

Undergraduate scholarships

Applicants must lodge an application at their desired institution and a scholarship application to the Sichuan Department of Education.

Exchange Scholarships

- For **Chinese language studies**, applicants need only submit the scholarship application to the Sichuan Department of Education. Successful applicants will be enrolled in Xihua University by the Sichuan Department of Education.
- For **studies in other areas**, applicants must lodge an application at their desired institution and a scholarship application to the Sichuan Department of Education.

5. Documents Required:

1. **Application form** for Sichuan Provincial Government Scholarships
2. A Personal Statement specifying why you wish to study in Sichuan (300-400 words)
3. An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae
4. Notarized copies of your academic diploma and **transcripts**. (Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized translations in Chinese or English)
5. Photocopy of your passport
6. **Letters of recommendations** from two teachers or professors from the applicant's school or university.
7. Other documents as indicated by the institution you wish to enrol in.

6. Application Submission

The deadline for applications is **15 July 2015**. Applications will be assessed by the Sichuan Department of Education. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by late July 2015.

Please submit your application electronically (in a unified PDF document) to:

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