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The University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council Early Career Research Scholars Scheme was established to permit early career research scholars from leading Chinese research universities to conduct research at the University of Sydney.

Up to two new Early Career Research Scholarships will be offered under this program in 2009. The Early Career Research Scholarships are extremely prestigious and applicants should preferably be engaged in an established research program at their home institution. Successful applicants are expected to be based full-time at the University for a period of one year.

Eligibility
Applicants from leading Chinese research universities are encouraged to apply.

Applicants:
- will be citizens of the People’s Republic of China and not be currently working or studying in Australia at the time of application;
- must hold a Doctorate. Details are set out in the Conditions of Award following (Condition 1);
- must satisfy the University’s English language requirements before submission of an application for this Scholarship. Details are set out in the Conditions of Award following (Condition 2).

Assessment Criteria
Excellence will be the primary criterion, both in terms of the project and the researcher. Equal weight will be given to the quality of the project, the track record of the applicant relative to opportunity, and the research environment in the host Department/School.

How to Apply
Applicants should complete a China Scholarship Council Application Form, a China Scholarship Council Employer Reference Form and the University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council Early Career Research Scholars Scheme 2009 Application Form.

The China Scholarship Council Application and Employer Reference forms are available from the China Scholarship Council website at [http://apply.csc.edu.cn](http://apply.csc.edu.cn).

The University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council Early Career Research Scholars Scheme 2009 Application Form is available from the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International), University of Sydney.

Applicants are required to:

1. Contact the Head of the proposed host Department or School to confirm that their research proposal can be supported and provide documentary support from Head of the proposed host Department or School with their application.
2. Complete the University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council Early Career Research Scholars Scheme 2009 Application Form and the following attachments. Attachments should be clearly typed on single-sided A4 pages, using 12 point font size with at least a 2 cm margin on each side:
   - The proposed research project, including project title, aims and significance, research plan, methods and techniques. Applicants who demonstrate novel and innovative variations on their prior research activity will be favourably regarded. This section should be no more than 4 pages including bibliographic references. (Additional pages will not be considered by the Selection Committee);
   - Proof that all requirements for the award of a Doctorate have been met (e.g. copies of transcripts). See also the Conditions of Award following (Condition 1);
   - Proof that the University’s English language requirements have been met. See also the Conditions of Award following (Condition 2);
   - Curriculum Vitae including details of engagement in an established research program at their home institution, publications and details of academic record at undergraduate and postgraduate level, prizes and awards (please attach certified copies of transcripts).
3. Full contact details for two referees.

4. Applications should be sent to:

   Mr David Boyd  
   International Development Officer (Grants and Scholarships)  
   Old Teachers College (A22)  
   The University of Sydney  
   NSW 2006 Australia

For further information please contact

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CONDITIONS OF AWARD

The University of Sydney – China Scholarship Council Early Career Research Scholarship is awarded under the following conditions:

1. Applicants must have a PhD awarded within 3–5 years of the closing date for applying for the Research Scholarship and provide original or certified copies of academic transcripts and degree certificates as documentary evidence that all the requirements for the PhD award, including examination, have been completed;

2. Applicants must have acceptable proficiency in English. This can be demonstrated by:
   - completion of an IELTS test of academic English and obtaining a result of 6.5 overall with a minimum score of 6.0 in each component. Scores more than 2 years old at the date of commencement of the Scholarship will not be accepted.
   - evidence of satisfactory achievement in tertiary studies in which the exclusive language of the institution and the exclusive language of instruction, examination and assessment was English.
   - A statement from the Head of the proposed Department or School at the University of Sydney that the applicant’s English language skills are at a level that would allow them to effectively pursue their research project and fully participate in departmental activities.
   - Completion of an English language diagnostic test administered by the University’s Centre for English Teaching.

3. Applicants must be aged less than 40 years on the closing date for applications;

4. Applicants should preferably be engaged in an established research program at their home university and should present evidence of this engagement;

5. Preference will be given to applicants working in areas of study that meet Chinese and Australian National research priorities. Research will be carried out at fundamental and strategic levels. Examples include:
   a. Communication and Information Technology
   b. Agriculture and Food
   c. Life Sciences and Public Health, including Biotechnology
   d. Material Sciences and New Materials
   e. Energy and the Environment
   f. Engineering and Architecture, including Urban Planning
   g. Applied Social Science including Government, Law and WTO-related Areas
   h. Economics and Business
   i. Fundamental Studies in Science and Technology, Health Sciences, the Humanities and the Arts

6. The duration of the Early Career Research Scholarship shall be for a maximum period of one year;

7. Appointments must commence on the date set out in the formal letter of offer, unless the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) approves otherwise;

8. The home institution of the Early Career Research Scholar will provide living expenses and the cost of appropriate health insurance for the duration of the program;

9. The China Scholarship Council will provide a minimum cost international airfare direct from China to Sydney, and return at the end of the Early Career Research Scholarship. The China Scholarship Council will also meet the costs of visa applications. Fares for dependants and removal expenses will not be provided;

10. The University of Sydney will provide office accommodation, laboratory and other research requirements such as access to computer facilities, the Internet and the library.

11. Early Career Research Scholars are required to provide a final report covering all aspects of the work undertaken (including conference presentations and publications) and details of any new knowledge gained in the field of study. This report must be forwarded to the Research Office at the completion of the period of the Scholarship. This should be accompanied by an evaluative commentary by the Head of School/Department;

12. Any Early Career Research Scholar considered not to be making satisfactory progress will have the Scholarship reviewed by a committee appointed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) which, at its absolute discretion, may terminate the Scholarship; and

13. The University asserts certain ownership rights of intellectual property created in the course of the scholarship, subject to the University’s Intellectual Property Rule: http://www.usyd.edu.au/policy/

4 December 2008
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EARLY CAREER RESEARCH SCHOLARS SCHEME 2009

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When completing this form, you must refer to the accompanying Guidelines. THE APPLICATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL – do not refer to curriculum vitae.

1. Personal Details

Family Name
Given Name/s
Date of Birth
Full Address
Country
Postcode
Telephone (work) ______________________ (home) __________________________
Facsimile
Email
Present Position
Present Salary A$

2. Host School/Department Details

School/Department
Proposed Supervisor

3. Research Plan and Track Record

Please attach:
An outline of no more than four (4) pages describing the proposed research project including:
(1) Title of the Project
(2) Aims and Significance of the Project
(3) Research Plan, Methods & Techniques
An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae including details of academic record at undergraduate and postgraduate level including Honours level, place in year, prizes and awards (please attach copies of transcripts).
Proof that all requirements for the award of a doctorate have been met must be attached.

4. Other Applications

Provide details of all other applications for fellowship support in 2009 (Project Title, Funding Agency and Scheme)

5. References

Names and addresses of two referees who may be contacted

Referee 1
Name
Affiliation (eg. PhD or postdoc supervisor, collaborator etc)
Full Address
Telephone
Facsimile
Email

Referee 2
Name
Affiliation (eg. PhD or postdoc supervisor, collaborator etc)
Full Address
Telephone
Facsimile
Email

6. Signature of Applicant __________________________ Date:

7. Signature of Proposed Supervisor __________________________ Date:

8. Signature of Host Head of School/Dept __________________________ Date:

Privacy Notice: The information supplied by you on this application form is required by the University of Sydney in order to assess candidates for the University of Sydney - China Scholarship Council Early Career Research Scheme. A University Committee will consider the information. The University will publicise the names, areas of research and other relevant details of successful applicants. Questions regarding access to, and correction of, any information should be addressed in the first instance to the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International).