

Chinese Language Scholarship Opportunity for 2016/17

Dear Colleague

The Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools and our Chinese partners - Tianjin Education Commission and Tianjin International Chinese College are delighted to offer selected Scottish pupils a one-year scholarship to learn Chinese in Tianjin for the academic year 2016-2017. This life changing opportunity is the only one of its kind offered to schools in any European country by our partners in Tianjin and rewards the commitment that Confucius Classroom Hubs in Scotland have demonstrated in the promotion of Chinese language and culture.

I. Full scholarship will include:

- One year's tuition fees
- Shared accommodation
- Food allowance

II. What each student will pay:

- International air travel - return from Scotland to Beijing. Applicants are expected to meet all their own international travel costs.
- Visa
- Registration fee
- Health check
- Textbooks
- Mandatory Chinese life insurance
- Gap year insurance (health, travel and belongings)
- Spending money for travel, entertainment etc.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be non-Chinese nationals from a non-native Chinese speaking background.
2. Applicants should currently be enrolled in sixth year in a Scottish school.
3. Applicants must have studied or have been studying Mandarin at a minimum level of SCQF 3.
4. Applicants must hold a valid passport and be eligible for a Chinese visa.

- Applicants must be committed to spending **one academic year** in Tianjin, China from September 2016 to July 2017.

Criteria for application

Essential	Desirable
Mandarin at SCQF 3 or above	Interest in and commitment to learning other languages
Commitment to learning about Chinese culture	Involvement in Chinese cultural activities
Ability to demonstrate adaptability and self-reliance	Experience of staying away from home
Proven commitment to global citizenship	Involvement in a range of extra-curricular activities
Sensitivity and openness to other cultures	
Demonstration of leadership skills and ability to work with others	

Application Documents

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools **by Friday, 6 November 2015**:

- Confucius Institute Scholarship Application Form with photograph
- Two reference letters of recommendation

Approval and Notification

Candidates will be selected for interview on the strength of their application by the Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools and Tianjin Education Commission. Successful candidates will be interviewed at the University of Strathclyde before the end of November 2015.

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