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# Joint Doctoral Programme of Université Paris-Saclay and the Chinese Scholarship Council



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## Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC) call for projects and applications in partnership with Université Paris-Saclay

Université Paris-Saclay (UPSaclay) and the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC) have renewed in 2020 an agreement which provides for the funding by the Chinese government of 50 Chinese doctoral students per year, up to **1350 euros/month**.

The conditions to submit your application to join Université Paris-Saclay are:

- Candidates must be citizens of the People's Republic of China;
- Chinese students studying for a Master's degree at Université Paris-Saclay and at universities abroad are also eligible;
- The candidates must meet the selection criteria:

**set by the Doctoral Schools of Université Paris-Saclay**

**set by the CSC <http://apply.csc.edu.cn>**

The selected students must be admitted by one of the doctoral schools of Université Paris-Saclay and register each year, paying the registration fees (tuition fees and CVEC).

The winning doctoral students will carry out their doctorate in one of the Doctoral Schools of the Université Paris-Saclay.

## The different stages of the application process

### Step 1: Collection of thesis topics

#### Posting of subjects on the ADUM platform by thesis directors:

Thesis directors upload topics **in English** on ADUM ⇒ the **appropriate academic year 2025-2026 should be entered**, and **“Chinese Scholarship Council Programme (CSC)”** should be chosen.

Afficher les propositions de projets doctoraux selon les critères suivants :

Année universitaire	2024-2025	
Sujets en ligne		
Sujets attribués	2018-2019	
Etat des sujets	2019-2020	<input type="radio"/> Soumis <input type="radio"/> Archivé <input type="radio"/> Tous
Candidature en ligne	2020-2021	
Type de financement	2021-2022	
Etat du financement	2022-2023	
	2023-2024	
	2024-2025	
Unité de recherche	2025-2026	

Ajouter une proposition de projet doctoral

**From 30/06/2024** ⇒ The thesis directors submit the subject with a project description on **PDF obligatorily of at least 20 lines** on the ADUM portal **at the latest 20/09/2024**.

Thesis directors must indicate pre-existing partnerships with French or foreign institutions and indicate the GS (Graduate School) and the laboratory supervision (CentraleSupélec, CEA, IOGS, etc.).

The Research Units and/or the doctoral schools must validate the subjects submitted progressively and no later than **20/09/2024**.

The FSD and the HFDS will examine the thesis subjects between July (the first subjects submitted) and the end of November (last subjects submitted in September).

**NB:** the thesis directors are invited to contact their Research Unit in order to be informed about the minimum funding requested by the Research Unit.

If the Research Unit requires an amount higher than the amount of this scholarship, the possibility of paying a supplement by your Research Unit should be studied.

### Step 2: Thesis topics' publishing

**01/12/2024:** start of publication of all thesis topics that have received a favorable or reserved opinion from the FSD/HFDS.

**A) HFDS validated topics for all laboratories:**

There is no need for the thesis director to contact the FSD/HFDS.

**B) HFDS validated topics for laboratories classified as “ZRR” or “protected”:**

The thesis director is invited to contact his or her Research Unit, which will request authorization for access to candidates from the FSD to which the laboratory is attached.

The International PhD Axis of la Maison du doctorat should be informed of the outcome of this request as soon as possible.

**C) Topics with a HFDS reservation:**

**1. For all laboratories combined**

The International Axis of la Maison du doctorat will send the necessary documents to the UPSaclay FSD.

**2. For laboratories attached to the IOGS (Institut d'optique Graduate School)**

The thesis director is requested to send the necessary documents to the FSD of his/her Research Unit and to inform the International Axis of la Maison du doctorat of the progress of the application.

## Step 3: Chinese students' applications

**01/12/2024:** date of opening of the portal for the submission of applications.

**IMPORTANT:** the thesis topics validated by the FSD/HFDS will be posted online as they become available.

Chinese applicants must submit the necessary documents for the processing of their applications by the doctoral school and, deposit the following documents:

- copy of valid passport
- first and last name in Chinese
- place and date of birth in English or French.
- CV with no break in date (any break must be justified)
- the name of their home institution or the name of the institution where their last diploma was awarded

**21/01/2025:** application deadline.

**Step 4: FSD/HFDS review of subject/applicant pairing**  
Research Units (not classified as ZRR), must complete and forward to the international axis of la Maison du doctorat as soon as possible one form per student, if the initial opinion is reserved, as soon as possible and before the **last of January**.

In addition, for each student having applied for a reserved subject, intellectual property clauses must be signed for transmission to the international axis of Maison du doctorat.

Research Units (not classified ZRR) and which are attached to Centrale Supélec or the CEA, must complete and transmit to the international axis as soon as possible a form per student, if the opinion initially given is favorable or reserved, at most late at the end of January.

**January to February** (provisional): examination of applications (subjects/candidates) by the SDF/HFDS.

**Mid-February to early March:** FSD/HFDS opinions are processed and forwarded to the Doctoral Schools.

## Step 5: Eligibility for a doctorate by the doctoral schools of Université Paris-Saclay

**Two auditions will be scheduled by the doctoral schools so that candidates will be selected**

- A. **05/02/2025:** deadline for feedback from doctoral schools on applications submitted on subjects validated by the FSD
- B. **11/03/2025:** deadline for the return of the doctoral school opinions for the applications submitted on reserved subjects.

## Step 6: Applications's validation

**Between 15/03/2025 and 25/03/2025:** The International PhD Axis of Maison du doctorat will communicate the list of candidates who have been selected by Université Paris-Saclay and will transmit the certificates mentioning the admission of the candidate under the condition:

- Of obtaining funding from the CSC
- Of the completion of the registration at Université Paris-Saclay
- Of obtaining a favorable opinion from the FSD

**Between 15/03/2025 and 31/03/2025:** Application submission on the CSC website

## Step 7: Selection by the CSC of successful applicants for funding

- **May 2025:** examination of the admissibility of the candidates by the CSC.
- **15/06/2025:** Publication of the winners' results by the CSC.

- **From 15/06/2025:** The International PhD Axis of la Maison du doctorat will send the certificates to the candidates after the final selection of the candidates by the CSC in late May/early June.

## Calendar summary

- **30/06/2024 to 20/09/2024:** submission of topics by thesis directors.
- **01/12/2024** (indicative date): start of publication of all thesis topics that have received a favorable or reserved opinion from the FSD/HFDS.
- **From 01/12/2024 to 21/01/2025:** students submit their applications.
- **January to February** (forecast): SDF/HFDS examines applications (subjects/candidates).
- **Mid-February to early March:** FSD/HFDS results.
- **05/02/2025:** results of auditions held by Doctoral Schools for applications submitted on subjects validated by the FSD/HFDS.
- **11/03/2025:** results of auditions conducted by Doctoral Schools for applications submitted on subjects reserved by the FSD/HFDS.
- **Between 15/03/2025 and 25/03/2025:** communication of pre-selection results and issue of pre-admission certificates to candidates.
- **From 15/03/2025 to 31/03/2025:** submission of applications on the CSC website.

## More information

Université Paris-Saclay supports the laureates in their efforts to

- ✚ Obtain on-campus student housing or off-campus rooms and apartments during the first year of the thesis
- ✚ Learn about the formalities for filing a visa/residence permit and the procedures for opening a bank account.
- ✚ Take French classes for at least the first year.

## Contacts

- For all questions related to the management of the CSC programme at Université Paris-Saclay
  - o International PhD axis of la Maison du doctorat: [csc.phd@universite-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:csc.phd@universite-paris-saclay.fr)
- For all questions related to the international reception (visa, accommodation...)
  - o International welcome Desk: [international.welcomedesk@universite-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:international.welcomedesk@universite-paris-saclay.fr)

