Tianjin Normal University
Application Guidelines for International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship 2026

To meet the growing international demand for Chinese language teachers, facilitate Chinese language education around the world, and support the professional development of Chinese language teachers, the Center for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC) has established the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as the Scholarship) for eligible Chinese language teachers outside of China. Confucius Institutes, independent Confucius Classrooms, selected HSK test centers, foreign educational institutions, Chinese language teacher training programs/Chinese departments at foreign universities, professional associations for Chinese language teaching, Chinese embassies (consulates) abroad (hereinafter collectively referred to as Recommending Institutions) may recommend outstanding students and in-service Chinese language teachers to further their studies in international Chinese language education and related programs at Tianjin Normal University.

I. About the University

Tianjin is one of China's four municipalities directly under the central government, alongside Beijing, Shanghai, and Chongqing. Its city center is just a 28-minute high-speed rail ride from Beijing. As a National Central City and National Historic and Cultural City, Tianjin is a vibrant modern

maritime metropolis, a national hub for advanced manufacturing and research, a core international shipping center in northern China, a model area for financial innovation, and a key region in the Beijing–Tianjin–Hebei coordinated development strategy.

Tianjin Normal University（TJNU), with over a century of teacher education heritage, is located on a stunning 3,500-mu ecological campus, including 771 mu of lakes and wetlands. The University is organized into three academic divisions and 19 colleges, offering 15 doctoral programs, 31 master's programs, 21 professional master's degree categories, and nine postdoctoral research stations. It covers ten academic disciplines, including Economics, Law, Education, Literature, History, Science, Engineering, Management, Arts, and Interdisciplinary Studies. The campus combines modern teaching facilities with a rich humanistic tradition, providing an ideal environment for learning and personal growth.

The University is committed to openness and international cooperation. It was among the first Chinese universities recognized as a "Study in China Demonstration Base" and has established the International Chinese Language Teacher Education College in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the Tianjin Municipal Government. It also hosts the International Chinese Language Education Development Institute, in collaboration with the Center for Language Education and Cooperation of the Ministry of Education. As an approved China–ASEAN Education Exchange and Cooperation Base, the University maintains long-term

partnerships with 228 universities, educational institutions, and local governments across 40 countries and regions.

Tianjin Normal University is a host institution for the Chinese Government Scholarship, the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship, and the Tianjin Municipal Government Scholarship. Since commencing its international student programme in 1964, the institution has accumulated six decades of rich experience.， and the university has welcomed 80,000 students from 86 countries and regions, cultivating generations of global citizens who are knowledgeable about and friendly toward China. The university operates six Confucius Institutes and one independent Confucius Classroom, having established the world's first and Africa's inaugural Confucius Institute at the University of Nairobi, which has since been designated a Global Model Confucius Institute. It has received one Global Confucius Institute Founding Award, one Global Model Confucius Institute designation, three Advanced Chinese Partner Institution honours, and twelve Global Advanced Confucius Institute accolades. It has collaboratively established four Chinese Language Proficiency Test Centres, including China's inaugural such centre, Vietnam's first at Dong A University, Hanoi Second University of Education's centre in Vietnam, and Thailand's Naresuan University centre.

International Chinese Language Education is a top priority at Tianjin Normal University. The University prioritizes the practical needs of international students, emphasizes hands-on teaching, and provides professional, career-oriented support for international exchange. Its

innovative teaching theory emphasizes expression-driven, autonomous learning, and it has developed a complete talent cultivation system spanning bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Professor Zhong Yinghua, a leading figure in this field, serves as President of the International Society for Chinese Language Teaching.

The University has recently completed a 45,600-square-meter International Chinese Education Center and an International Students' Comprehensive Building, making it one of the largest and best-equipped bases for Chinese language education in China. Since 2024, it has hosted the "Chinese Bridge" World Secondary School Students' Chinese Competition and the Primary School Students' Chinese Show and Summer Camp, welcoming students and teachers from around the globe to celebrate Chinese language and culture.

Tianjin Normal University warmly invites students from all over the world to join our community. We hope your time at Tianjin Normal University will be inspiring, enriching, and full of unforgettable experiences!

II. Application Guidelines for International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship

1 ELIGIBILITY

1. Be a non-Chinese citizen;

2. Be friendly to China, have no criminal record, abide by the laws and regulations of China and the rules and regulations of the Host Institution;

3. Be in good physical and mental health, be in good academic and behavioral standing;

4. Be interested in Chinese language education and related work;

5. Be aged between 16 and 35 years on September 1, 2026. The maximum age limit for in-service Chinese teachers may be extended to 45, but those who apply for a scholarship for a Bachelor's degree shall be younger than 25 under most circumstances.

II. CATEGORIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Scholarship for Doctor's Degree in International Chinese Language Education

The program commences in September 2026, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of four academic years.

Applicants shall hold a Master's degree in teaching Chinese as Chinese language and literature, foreign languages and literature, linguistics, international Chinese language education, or education-related disciplines. Applicants shall have a minimum score of 200 on the HSK Test (Level 6) and 60 on the HSKK test (Advanced Level), or achieve HSK Level 7. Priority will be given to applicants who may provide an employment contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or proof to the same effect.

2. Scholarship for Master's Degree in International Chinese Language Education

The program commences in September 2026, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of two academic years.

Applicants shall hold a Bachelor's degree. Applicants shall have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK Test (Level 5) and 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level). Priority will be given to applicants who may provide an employment contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or proof to the same effect.

3. Scholarship for Bachelor's Degree in International Chinese Language Education

The program commences in September 2026, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of four academic years.

Applicants shall hold a senior high school diploma and have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK Test (Level 4) and 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level). Priority will be given to applicants who may provide an employment contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or proof to the same effect.

4. Scholarship for One-Year Study Program

The program commences in September 2026, and the scholarship is awarded for a maximum of eleven months.

Applicants of international Chinese language education programs shall have a minimum score of 270 on the HSK test (Level 3), and an HSKK test score is required. Applicants of Chinese language and literature programs shall have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK test (Level 4) and 60 on the HSKK test (Intermediate Level). Applicants of Chinese language study programs shall have a minimum score of 210 on the HSK

test (Level 3), and priority will be given to applicants who provide an HSKK test score.

5. Scholarship for One-Semester Study Program

The program commences either in September 2026 or March 2027, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of five months.

Applicants of international Chinese language education or Chinese language and literature programs shall have a minimum score of 180 on the HSK test (Level 3), and an HSKK test score is required.

6. Scholarship for Four-Week Study Program

The program commences either in July or December 2026, and the scholarship is provided for a maximum of four weeks.

Applicants of **Chinese language study or Taiji culture programs** are required to provide an HSK test score. The program may be organized and applied for by a Recommending Institution with 10-15 participants per group. Before the trip, a detailed study plan shall be made in consultation with our university and such plan shall be submitted to CLEC for review and approval.

III.APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Processing Method

Online registration will be available **from March 1, 2026,** on the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship website (http://www.chinese.cn). Applicants may search for Recommending Institutions and Host Institutions (Tianjin Normal University), submit application materials online, and track the application process, review

comments, and scholarship evaluation results. After our university reviews and grants preliminary admission. Scholarship recipients must confirm with our university to complete the procedures for studying in China and register at our university on the designated date as specified in the Letter of Admission.

2. Application Deadlines (Beijing Time)

Scholarship category	Enrollment Date	Application Deadline
Scholarship for Doctor's Degree in International Chinese Language Education	September 2026	May 15, 2026
Scholarship for Master's Degree in International Chinese Language Education	September 2026	May 15, 2026
Scholarship for Bachelor's Degree in International Chinese Language Education	September 2026	May 15, 2026
Scholarship for One-Year Study Program	September 2026	May 15, 2026
Scholarship for One-Semester Study Program	September 2026	May 15, 2026
	March 2027	October 31, 2026

Scholarship category	Enrollment Date	Application Deadline
Scholarship for Four-Week Study Program	July 2026	April 15, 2026
	December 2026	September 15, 2026

CLEC will entrust an expert panel to review the applications. Decisions will be based on HSK and HSKK levels and scores, geographical distribution, and other factors. The results will be announced about three months before the program starts.

IV. POLICIES REGARDING IN-SERVICE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND CHINESE BRIDGE WINNERS

1. In-Service Chinese Language Teachers

In-service Chinese language teachers applying for any scholarship category may submit proof of employment and a recommendation letter from their employer. These applicants will be given priority over equally qualified candidates.

2. Chinese Bridge Winners

Applicants who have received the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship Certificate during Chinese Bridge competitions need to submit their application documents along with their scholarship certificates to the Host Institutions directly at the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship website.

For any further inquiries, please contact chinesebridge@chinese.cn.

V. RECOMMENDING INSTITUTIONS

The Tianjin Normal University HSK Testing Center (hereinafter referred to as the Testing Center) is one of the first domestic testing centers

approved by the CLEC to recommend international applicants for the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship. In accordance with the Application Guidelines for International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship 2026, **our Testing Center is eligible to recommend international students to apply for the scholarship (email: tjnuhskbgs@163.com).**

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. In principle, applicants who have received a similar scholarship within three years are not eligible for the One-Semester Study Program or One-Year Study Program.

2. Please contact the our university for curriculum and course listings.

3. Applicants shall be familiar with the admission criteria and application deadlines of our university and submit necessary documents accordingly.

4. Degree students are subject to the annual assessment according to the *Annual Assessment Procedures of the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship.*

5. Please contact our university for enrollment matters.

6. Students who fail to pass the pre-enrollment medical examination, withdraw from school before completing the program, fail to register at the university without prior permission, or suspend their studies will be disqualified for the scholarship.

VII. CONTACT DETAILS

1. Tianjin Normal University International Chinese Language

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VIII. APPENDIXES

List of Application Materials

Appendix

List of Application Materials for the International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship

A. For all applicants

a) A scanned copy of the passport photo page;

b) A scanned copy of score reports of the HSK/HSKK tests (within the two-year validity);

c) A reference letter by the head of the Recommending Institution.

B. For degree program applicants

d) A certificate of the highest diploma (or proof of expected graduation) and an official transcript;

e) Applicants of the Scholarship for a Doctor's Degree in International Chinese Language Education are required to provide two reference letters from professors or associate professors or experts with equivalent professional titles in relevant fields and a 3,000-word personal statement written in Chinese (including knowledge of the intended area of study and research proposal). Priority will be given to applicants who may provide an employment contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China or proof to the same effect.

f) Applicants of the Scholarship for a Master's Degree in International Chinese Language Education are required to provide two reference letters

from professors or associate professors. Priority will be given to applicants who may provide an employment contract with a teaching institution upon completing their studies in China.

C. In-service Chinese language teachers shall provide proof of employment and a reference letter from the employer.

D. Applicants under 18 shall provide certified documents of designation signed by their entrusted legal guardians in China.

E. The Non-Criminal Record Certificate.

F. The Foreigner Physical Examination Form (This form is uniformly issued by the Chinese health and quarantine authorities. Download link: https://gjjl.tjnu.edu.cn/info/1113/5835.htm).