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## ENS - China Scholarship Council (CSC)

### Doctoral scholarship program

**Call for applications 2021 is now open until February 15th 2021 !**

Under the framework agreement between the group of the 4 French Ecoles Normales Supérieures (ENS) and the China Scholarship Council (CSC), ENS Rennes launches the 2021 PhD call for applications with the intention of recruiting high-level-students that wish to carry out a **Full PhD** or a **visiting PhD** within one of its associated research laboratories.

#### Selection criteria

The selection criteria will take into account the quality of the application, the interest in the topic of research by the host laboratory in ENS Rennes, and in the existing cooperations – formal or informal - with the home university candidates (*for example the PROSFER-JoRISS programmes with East China Normal University, Fudan University, Jiaotong University, Beihang University, Beijing University, international associated laboratories...*).

#### 2021 step by step calendar :

- Call for applications – open until February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- Pre-selection phase by the ENS group between February 19<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Pre-selected candidates must apply online through the CSC platform specifically for the **ENS-CSC Scholarship Program** : <http://apply.csc.edu.cn>. (派出渠道：与法国高师集团合作奖学金).
- ATTENTION : platform open ONLY between **March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 (approximately)**.
- Results published in June / July 2021.
- In July, the International Office at ENS Rennes will contact each successful candidate in order to prepare his/her arrival for September 2021.

#### Eligibility terms and conditions :

- The scholarship is for a maximum period of 4 years.
- Candidates must be of Chinese nationality, be residing in China and must not be employed outside China at the time of application.
- Successful scholarship candidates commit to returning to China upon completion of the Full PhD or visiting PhD stay.
- Candidates must fulfill all admission and selection requirements put forth by ENS Rennes; they must prove to have a very good level in English and for certain domains in Human Sciences a very good level in French (B2 or C1 level).
- Full and visiting PhD students will be hosted within one of ENS Rennes' partner laboratories: <http://www.ens-rennes.fr/laboratoires-partenaires/>.

#### How do I apply ?

- Identify a PhD subject which interests you and get directly in contact with the related scientific referent
  - Contact details to be found on PhD subject description formula
- After evaluation of all applications, the scientific referent will preselect and nominate one candidate.
- All nominations and application files must be sent to the International Relations Office at ENS Rennes before February 18th at the latest : [international@ens-rennes.fr](mailto:international@ens-rennes.fr).

#### Application file and documents to be submitted

- Detailed CV (in English OR in French), indicating current level in English and in French,
- Letter of statement in English OR in French,
- Copy of applicant's passport
- The PhD supervisor's biography - signed,
- A description of the thesis project signed by the PhD supervisor,
- An acceptance letter signed by the PhD supervisor which includes a brief overview of the thesis proposal and its implementation context. This letter should also be signed by the head of the host laboratory and the doctoral school.