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TO : DEANS, DIRECTORS, HEADS OF ACADEMIC UNITS

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SUBJECT : Calling for Applications for ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship (ACYLS) 2021 Program

DATE : 22 March 2021

The Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA), through its Office of International Linkages (OIL) Diliman, is calling for application by regular UPD faculty to the ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship (ACYLS) 2021 Program. We request the dissemination to your faculty of the invitation to apply for the program.

The ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship Program (ACYLS) is an initiative in response to the call of the Leaders of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and ASEAN Member States (AMS) to increase people-to-people exchanges, strengthen educational cooperation, and promote academic exchanges and linkages between AMS and the PRC, in an effort to foster a third pillar of socio-cultural and people-to-people exchanges within the ASEAN-China relationship towards building a closer community of shared future.

ACYLS is a dedicated project for ASEAN nationals, in particular, young and promising professionals with working experience in ASEAN Member States. The Chinese government will provide funding for ACYLS mainly through the ASEAN-China Cooperation Fund (ACCF).

Detailed information on the scholarship program, application forms, application procedure, and other documentary requirements may be accessed through this corresponding [link](#).

Scholarships

Supporting Category	Length of Schooling	Length of Scholarship
Master's Students	2-3 academic years	2-3 academic years
Doctoral Students	3-4 academic years	3-4 academic years
Research Scholars	4-5 months	4-5 months

Entitlements under the program include the following:

- Stipend
 - a. Master's students: 4,000 RMB per month
 - b. Doctoral students: 5,000 RMB per month
 - c. Research scholar: 5,000 RMB per month
- One-time Settlement Fee: the standard is 3,000 RMB per person and will be issued in Chinese currency



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- International Round-trip Air Fare
- Tuition: will be entirely covered by the ACYLS program and funds will be directly allocated to the host universities
- Accommodation
- Medical Insurance

Eligibility

Applicants of ACYLS should meet the following criteria:

- Citizen of ASEAN Member State
- In sound physical and mental health
- Proficient in English (i.e., must possess an IELTS score of at least 6.0 or a TOEFL score of at least 80 points)
- Holder of an undergraduate degree and under the age of 45 if applying for a master's degree
- Holder of a graduate/master's degree and under the age of 45 if applying for PhD degree
- Holder of at least an undergraduate degree if applying for the short-term research program
- Having at least one-year work experience within government agencies, public or private institutions, universities, think-tanks or similar social agencies, and preferably has experience in the following:
 - work related to foreign and international affairs, especially ASEAN and China-ASEAN affairs
 - work or study in the PRC
 - academic work on China or ASEAN-related affairs
- Not a concurrent awardee of Chinese government scholarship
- Meets other admission requirements of the Chinese universities to which the applicant has applied

Application Timeline

January – April	Applicants apply to ACYLS national focal points and AUN Secretariat for the ACYLS programs and complete online application via the CGIS (Chinese Government Scholarship Information System).
April – May	ACYLS national focal points of AMS and AUN Secretariat review and select proper candidates, and submit the recommendation list to the Joint Committee based in Jakarta. The Joint Committee reviews all the recommendations from AMS and AUN Secretariat, then submit a nomination list to CSC.
June – July	CSC engages with designated universities for placement.
End of July	CSC notifies the scholarship recipients of the final results upon the confirmation by the Joint Committee. Host universities mail the admission documents to respective recipients.
August	ACYLS recipients receive admission documents and go through necessary procedures for coming to China.
September	ACYLS recipients arrive in China and register with the host universities.



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The deadline of submissions in on **12 May 2021, Friday**.

Application Documents

1. Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship (in English)
2. A copy of your valid ordinary passport home page
3. Notarized highest diploma. Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized Chinese or English translations
4. Academic transcripts. Transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized Chinese or English translations
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6. Two Recommendation Letters (written in Chinese or English). Applicants for the graduate programs or the short-term research scholar programs must submit two recommendation letters, one from the candidate's current employer and one from the candidate's university professor
7. Valid documents of your legal guardians in China (only required for applicants under the age of 18)
8. Certificates of English language proficiency (IELTS with minimum 6.0/TOFEL with 80 or above, or other internationally accepted certificates in the equivalent level)
9. Foreigner Physical Examination Form, (written in English, only required for applicants planning to stay in China for more than 6 months, can be downloaded from <http://www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina> or <http://www.campuschina.org>). The physical examinations must cover all of the items listed in the Foreigner Physical Examination Form. Incomplete forms or forms without the signature of the attending physician, or the official stamp of the hospital, or a sealed photograph of the applicants, are considered as invalid. Please carefully plan your physical examination schedule as the result is valid for only 6 months
10. A resume or CV including the educational background and working experience after high school (Upload to "Other Supporting Documents" in the CGSIS)

Submission of application/s:

- Applicants must provide authentic and valid documents according to the requests and upload clear scanned copies onto Chinese Government Scholarship Information System (CGSIS). To submit online, applicants must visit the "CSC Study in China" website and click "Scholarship Application for Students" at <http://www.csc.edu.cn/studyinchina> or <http://www.campuschina.org>. Register an account through **[CREATE AN ACCOUNT]** and log in with the created account. Please note that once submitted, amendment cannot be made on "Personal Details" and "Application Information."
- One original hard copy of the application must be submitted to the AUN Secretariat Office at the address below by the deadline:



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