

# China

## CSC Scholarship & Top University Guide

China has become the #1 destination for Pakistani students globally — over 33,000 Pakistanis study there currently, more than any other country. Powered by the CPEC partnership, the Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC) is one of the most generous in the world — covering full tuition, accommodation, health insurance, and a monthly stipend. Tsinghua and Peking University rank among the global top 25, making China a genuine academic powerhouse.

### GLOBAL RANKING & REACH

<p><b>Top 15</b></p> <p>QS Higher Ed System Ranking</p>	<p><b>Top 15</b></p> <p>Times Higher Ed Country Ranking</p>	<p><b>500,000+</b></p> <p>International Students/yr</p>	<p><b>~33,000</b></p> <p>Pakistani Students Currently Studying</p>
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### WHY STUDY IN CHINA?

- ✓ CSC Scholarship: Full funding — tuition + housing + stipend + health insurance
- ✓ Pakistan has a dedicated CPEC scholarship quota — priority in Engineering, IT, Medical
- ✓ 33,000+ Pakistani students already there — strong community and support networks
- ✓ Extremely low cost of living — most affordable quality education destination
- ✓ Many programs fully offered in English — no Chinese required for most STEM degrees
- ✓ China's tech ecosystem (Alibaba, Huawei, ByteDance) offers unmatched internship opportunities

### TOP UNIVERSITIES — RANKINGS, FEES & BENEFITS

University	City	QS Rank	Tuition / yr	Scholarship / Benefit
Tsinghua University	Beijing	#14 World	<b>FREE TUITION</b> Free (CSC Scholarship)	FREE with CSC Scholarship — China's #1 ranked university; elite STEM programs
Peking University	Beijing	#14 World	<b>FREE TUITION</b> Free (CSC Scholarship)	FREE with CSC Scholarship — top for medicine, humanities, and natural sciences
Fudan University	Shanghai	#30 World	<b>FREE TUITION</b> Free (CSC) / ¥28,000/yr	FREE with CSC — top choice for medicine, business, and international studies
Zhejiang University	Hangzhou	#49 World	<b>FREE TUITION</b> Free (CSC) / ¥26,000/yr	FREE with CSC — leading in engineering, agriculture, and life sciences
Shanghai Jiao Tong University	Shanghai	#47 World	<b>FREE TUITION</b> Free (CSC) / ¥28,000/yr	FREE with CSC — strong for engineering, CS, and medical programs

University	City	QS Rank	Tuition / yr	Scholarship / Benefit
Univ. of Sci. & Tech. China (USTC)	Hefei	#132 World	<b>FREE TUITION</b> Free (CSC) / ¥22,000/yr	FREE with CSC — China's top science and technology research university
Tongji University	Shanghai	#212 World	<b>FREE TUITION</b> Free (CSC) / ¥20,000/yr	FREE with CSC — excellent for civil engineering, architecture, and urban planning
Wuhan University	Wuhan	#194 World	<b>FREE TUITION</b> Free (CSC) / ¥18,000/yr	FREE with CSC — known for law, remote sensing, and computer science
Beijing Institute of Technology	Beijing	#259 World	<b>FREE TUITION</b> Free (CSC / CPEC Scholarship)	FREE — prioritized for CPEC scholarship in Engineering and Defense Technology
Huazhong Univ. of Sci. & Tech.	Wuhan	#306 World	<b>FREE TUITION</b> Free (CSC) / ¥20,000/yr	FREE with CSC — one of China's top for medicine, engineering, and management

## SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING — COMPLETE BREAKDOWN

### Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC)

**FULL FUNDING**

Coverage: Full tuition + accommodation + CNY 2,500/month (UG) / CNY 3,000 (Masters) / CNY 3,500 (PhD) stipend + comprehensive health insurance

*Who: Undergrad, Masters & PhD — any field | Awarded by: China Scholarship Council (campuschina.org)*

### CPEC Scholarship (Pakistan Priority)

**FULL FUNDING**

Coverage: Full tuition + housing + stipend — priority for Engineering, IT, Medical fields

*Who: Pakistani students — CPEC-related disciplines | Awarded by: Chinese Government / HEC Pakistan*

### Provincial Government Scholarships

**FULL TO PARTIAL**

Coverage: Full or partial tuition waiver from Guangdong, Jiangsu, Shanghai provinces

*Who: Undergrad & Masters | Awarded by: Provincial Governments of China*

### Confucius Institute Scholarship

**PARTIAL**

Coverage: Tuition + accommodation for Chinese language and culture-focused programs

*Who: Students pursuing Chinese language studies | Awarded by: Hanban / Chinese Ministry of Education*

### HEC–CSC Pakistan Quota

**FACILITATION**

Coverage: HEC Pakistan coordinates a dedicated CSC quota for Pakistani students

*Who: All levels — apply via hec.gov.pk portal | Awarded by: HEC Pakistan*

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Details
<b>O / A Level Results</b>	Minimum B grades; A grades for top universities like Tsinghua/Peking
<b>IELTS</b>	5.5–6.5 for English-medium programs
<b>HSK (Chinese)</b>	HSK 4–5 required for Chinese-medium programs (free prep available)

Requirement	Details
Physical Examination	Mandatory — specific medical form from approved clinic in Pakistan
No Criminal Record Certificate	Required — obtain from local police station, attested
Personal Statement	Required — emphasize field of study, research interests, and China connection
Recommendation Letters	2 academic or professional references
Application Portal	CSC: campuschina.org   HEC route: hec.gov.pk

### KEY DEADLINES & TIMELINE

Milestone	When	Notes
CSC Scholarship via HEC	January–March each year	hec.gov.pk — dedicated Pakistan quota
CSC Scholarship (Direct)	March–April each year	campuschina.org — self-apply
University Direct Applications	February–May	Varies per university — check websites
Fall Semester Start	September	Standard across all Chinese universities
Medical Examination	Before visa application	Use government-approved clinic in Pakistan
Chinese Student Visa (X1/X2)	After receiving acceptance + JW202 form	Chinese Embassy Islamabad — 2–4 weeks

### PAKISTANI QUALIFICATION EQUIVALENCY

Pakistani Qualification	Equivalent	Notes
A Level (Cambridge)	Directly accepted — highly valued at top Chinese universities	Attach certified + attested copies
IGCSE / O Level	Accepted as high school / secondary school qualification	Notarized + HEC attested
Pakistani Matric + FSc	Accepted by most Chinese universities	HEC + Ministry of Foreign Affairs attestation required
Pakistani CGPA (Masters/PhD)	Accepted — official transcripts required	WES evaluation or direct university assessment

### PRO TIPS FOR PAKISTANI STUDENTS

1. Apply through HEC's CSC portal — Pakistan has a dedicated quota that increases your chances significantly.
2. CPEC-related fields (Civil Engineering, IT, Medicine, Energy) receive priority in scholarship allocations.
3. Chinese universities require a strict medical check — start this process early, it can take weeks.

4. Tsinghua and Peking University are extremely competitive for CSC — also apply to Fudan, ZJU, and SJTU.
5. Pakistan-China Alumni networks are very active — connect with current students before finalizing your choice.