



SAPIENZA
UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME
AND
THE CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL**

Sapienza University of Rome, Piazzale Aldo Moro 5, 00185 Roma, Italy (hereafter Sapienza), and the China Scholarship Council, Level 13, Building A3, No.9 Chegongzhuang Avenue, Beijing, P. R. China (hereafter CSC), in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit and through friendly negotiation, hereby agree to establish a collaborative arrangement with the aim of developing research collaborations between Sapienza and Chinese universities/research institutions.

1. Program overview

The focus of this programme is for outstanding Chinese students to take full time PhD study at Sapienza. If the selected full time PhD students successfully complete the requirements of the designated PhD program and defend their dissertation at Sapienza, they will be conferred PhD degree by Sapienza.

Up to 30 scholarships will be supported per year.

The name of this programme will be “Sapienza-CSC Scholarship”.

2. Fields of cooperation

CSC and Sapienza will support the following areas of study:

- A: SCIENCES
- B: PHARMACY, MOLECULAR MEDICINE AND PSYCHOLOGY
- C: CLINICAL MEDICINE, SURGICAL SCIENCES AND DENTISTRY
- D: ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE
- E: HISTORY, LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY
- F: ECONOMY AND LAW

Each area includes PhD programs that will be listed year by year and present annual specific calls.

Candidates should be intending to pursue study/research in one of the priority academic areas. Whereas other subjects could be considered subject to the availability of relevant programmes of study at Sapienza.

3. Entry criteria

- (1) Candidates should be citizens of the People's Republic of China; overseas Chinese students may be eligible for application subject to CSC policy at the time.
- (2) Candidates should hold an unconditional offer letter from Sapienza. Therefore, they should fulfill the relevant academic entry requirements set by Sapienza, including a high level of English language proficiency.
- (3) Candidates should satisfy other application criteria set out by CSC.
- (4) Successful candidates acknowledge that they should return to China upon completion of their studies through the programme.

4. Application and selection process

- (1) Candidates should directly apply for admission to Sapienza before the application deadline set by Sapienza. Annual calls will be published at this web page: <https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/phd-programmes>
- (2) Sapienza will nominate principal candidates for the Sapienza-CSC Scholarship according to its internal review results and provide CSC a shortlist before the opening of CSC application (normally between March and April each year). In the meantime, Sapienza will notify each nominated candidate to complete their applications to CSC.
- (3) Nominated candidates should complete the CSC application as required. Application guidance will be published on the CSC official website <http://www.csc.edu.cn>.
- (4) CSC will evaluate the nominated candidates according to CSC requirements and priorities, and provide Sapienza with a final list of scholarship recipients for confirmation. CSC will inform the successful candidates after obtaining Sapienza's confirmation.
- (5) CSC and Sapienza will jointly confirm a detailed timeline for application and selection process each year in exchange of emails.

5. Funding model

Sapienza will provide each scholarship access to calculus resources (use of shared workstations and access to servers available to all the PhD students in Sapienza, etc.), network, library and laboratory. On consideration of availability and of workplace safety regulations in force in Italy, office space could be provided. No registration fees are required to CSC PhD students.

CSC will provide each scholarship recipient with a living stipend (incl. medical insurance) as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government, an international roundtrip airfare of economy class between China and Italy.

The above joint funding for each scholarship recipient will be up to 48 months.

6. Best endeavours and disputes resolution

Both Sapienza and CSC commit to make every administrative and faculty effort to ensure the success of this collaboration. Based on the successful running of the initial programme, both

Sapienza and CSC will actively pursue the possibility of strengthening institutional partnership and developing additional programs in the future.

Both Sapienza and CSC commit to resolving disputes on the terms of this MOU by seeking friendly, mutually acceptable resolutions.

7. MOU duration and review

The MOU shall become effective for four (4) years on the date of signatures by both parties. It may be terminated by either party giving six months' written notice of its intention to do so. The MOU will be reviewed during its 4th year of operation. In the event the programme is discontinued, students who have been admitted under the program will continue to receive support at the levels and for the time periods stipulated above.

Both parties agree to review academic performance of students admitted under the programme each year or as required.

8. Additional Activity

The cooperation between the two parties under the framework of this MOU will not constitute a willingness to establish a mutual fund or create any legal entity. This MOU will not be an enforceable legal document for both parties in accordance with the national laws of either party. Neither party will file litigation, arbitration or other legal remedies to claim rights against the other party.

This MOU can be modified and amended by the mutual written consent of the parties. Matters not included in the MOU, but directly related to it, may be addressed by the mutual MOU of the parties to be signed separately. Any such agreement must be appended to this MOU and become valid upon the date of signing of the agreement by the parties.

This MOU shall be written in English and in Chinese. Each version has two officially duplicated copies.

9. Treatment of Personal Data

All personal data will be processed in full compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation UE 679/2016 (GDPR) and Personal Information Protection Law of the People's Republic of China.

Signed for:

Sapienza University of Rome

Name: Antonella Polimeni
Title: The Rector
Dated:

China Scholarship Council



Name: Mr. Sheng Jianxue
Title: Secretary-General
Dated: 2022.07.28