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**Call for theses subject projects – all domains**  
**PhD scholarship programs**  
**ENS group – China Scholarship Council (CSC) 2022**

Call for theses subject projects in correlation with the departments of studies and research at Ecole normale supérieure Paris-Saclay.

The ENS group (Ulm, Paris-Saclay, Lyon, Rennes) has signed a cooperation agreement with the China Scholarship Council (CSC, providing funding for PhD students for the whole ENS group, on the basis of a selection by the ENS and by the CSC).

An intern comity at ENS Paris-Saclay will select the candidates that our Ecole will support as part of this plan. The selection criteria will take into account the quality of the application, the interest on the topic of research by the host laboratory in ENS Paris-Saclay.

Priority will be given to Chinese students applications coming as part of organized cooperations (PROSFER with ECNU of Shanghai, framework agreement with other Chinese universities, LIAs, ...) or research cooperations with Chinese laboratories. Nonetheless, if laboratories get applications out of these criteria, they can still apply.

**Thesis supervisor:**

- Must be a member of a laboratory which is under the care of ENS Paris-Saclay,
- Must guide a maximum of 4 PhD students while submitting the application.

**2021 schedule:**

**Step 1: call for thesis subjects: from 10/11/2021 to 10/12/2021**

Thesis subjects propositions must be addressed to the international relations office ([ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr)), in parallel of the email to the concerned PhD school.

Each subject should be presented to the High Defense and Security Official (HFSD) by the International Relations Office. After approval from the HFSD, the subject shall be posted on the ENS Paris-Saclay's website <https://ens-paris-saclay.fr/en/actualite/china-scholarship-council-2022-call-applications>

You will find the PhD proposal form attached.

**Step 2: call for applicants: from 15/11/2021 to 15/02/2022**

Collected thesis project proposals will be sent to the CSC (Chinese partner) to allow Chinese students to apply. They will be jointly posted of the CSC and ENS Paris-Saclay's websites (<http://www.adum.fr/psaclay/ptenAPCSC?etab=119>). Chinese students will directly contact the thesis director for his application. To apply, the deadline is set on **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

**Step 3: selection: February 2022**

- The ENS Paris-Saclay selection comity will establish a list of applications which will be integrated to the ENS common list. It will include selected applicants as part of the PROSFER program. For non-PROSFER candidates, they must specify the are applying through the specific CSC-ENS agreement.

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- The finale selection procedure will be held ad-hoc composed of the four ENS if the number of subjects/applicants is higher than 30. Selected applications as part of the PROSFER program will have priority.
  - The 4 ENS will establish a common list of 30 applications that they will send at the latest on **February 28, 2022** to the CSC via the ENS's heads of international relations.

#### **Candidates eligibility conditions:**

- The scholarship is granted for a maximum of 4 years. The total amount of the grant is €1.350 per month. Joint-PhD and thesis codirections are privileged. In case of a Joint-PhD, the grant will be transferred only when the Chinese researcher will be in France.
- Candidates must be of Chinese nationality, live in China and to not work outside of China while applying.
- Selected CSC candidates commit to go back to China after the dissertation defense or after a post-PhD stay abroad (after the CSC agreement).
- **Candidates must fulfil the conditions of entry and selection of ENS Paris-Saclay and the concerned doctoral School**; they must have an improved English level and for humanities candidates an excellent French level.
- Candidates must be welcomed in **a laboratory as part of ENS Paris-Saclay**.

#### **Required documents for application:**

- A detailed resume (with English and/or French level)
- A copy of the candidate passport
- A cover letter written in English or in French
- A test of language (English or French)
- A complete and signed resume of the thesis director (French)
- Thesis project signed by the thesis director (model available on demand at [ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr](mailto:ri-incoming@ens-paris-saclay.fr))
- An acceptance letter signed by the thesis director of ENS Paris-Saclay with the subject description of the thesis project and the cooperation context. This letter must be signed by the head of the laboratory and the head of the doctoral School.
- Pre-admission letter (International Relations Office)

#### **Finale selection:**

Candidates pre-selected by the ENS jury have to apply on the CSC application platform: <http://apply.csc.edu.cn>

#### **Careful: the platform will be only open by the end of March 2022.**

Candidates will have to specify that they are applying through the ENS-CSC specific agreement (in Chinese: 与法国高师集团合作奖学金).

Results should be communicated to all candidates by **June 2022**.