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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE
PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS



CSC-PROGRAMM LMU

The LMU-China Scholarship Council Program



Main Entrance of the University



International LMU Students



Excursion to the Bavarian Alps

In 2005 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) in Munich was the first German university to sign an agreement with the China Scholarship Council (CSC). The main goal of this agreement is to enable especially qualified Chinese postgraduates to receive their doctoral degree or to spend a doctoral research period at LMU. The LMU-CSC-Program has since become so well established that it now prevails as a keystone of strategic cooperation between LMU and Chinese Institutes of Higher Education.

The LMU-CSC-Program in numbers

Since the program started in 2006 a total of 252 participants have been accepted for a LMU-CSC-Postgraduate Scholarship at LMU. Of the participants 211 were full time doctoral candidates and 41 took part in a sandwich program. About 120 participants have acquired their doctoral degree at LMU. Many of the LMU-CSC-scholars come from top universities in China (e.g. Peking, Zhejiang, Shanghai Jiaotong, Tongji, Renmin and Fudan University).

Range of Subjects for LMU-CSC-Scholars

More than twenty study courses in all subject areas are available for LMU-CSC-applicants. Most interest is in Medicine, Human Biology, Biology and Chemistry. But almost equally popular are Economics and Business Administration, Law, Psychology, Geosciences, Computer Sciences and Philosophy.

Two types of doctoral scholarships

- ▶ **The „Full Doctoral Study-Model“:** With financial support from CSC, four (or sometimes three) years of study and research are completed at the LMU. The doctoral title is conferred by LMU.
- ▶ **The „Sandwich-Model“:** The first one or two years of the doctoral course are pursued at the Chinese university. Doctoral students then complete one or two years of research at LMU and return to China to finalize their research. The doctoral title is conferred by the Chinese university.

Requirements and Selection Procedure

Every year up to 30 candidates are selected from a large number of applicants. The applications are strictly reviewed by a selection committee of CSC and LMU International Office. The most important requirements are:

- ▶ Outstanding grades
- ▶ Age limit: 35 years; for the two special elite programs in Nanosciences NanoBio Technology and NIM Graduate Program: 27 years
- ▶ Language skills: Very good proficiency in English and/or German. For Law, Political Sciences, Communication Sciences, Sociology and Philosophy (only Full Doctoral Study Model) excellent German language skills are mandatory

Mentoring and Supervision of CSC-Graduates at LMU

The International Office of LMU has designed a broad spectrum of services for CSC-scholars:

- ▶ Organisational support like provision of housing and handling of all formalities
- ▶ Four-week orientation course including German language course, intercultural training and excursions
- ▶ Monitoring of study and research results through poster sessions supervised by the professors in charge and a member of the LMU executive board
- ▶ Promotion and training of academic and presentation skills

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