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CHINESE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SA STUDENTS

An agreement has been signed between the government of South African and the Chinese Government to offer fully funded scholarships to South African students to study at selected Chinese institutions.

The scholarships may be awarded for postgraduate (Masters, PhD or Post-doctorate) or non-degree Chinese language studies. Bachelor's degree scholarships are taught in Chinese and will only be awarded to applicants who already have the required level of Chinese proficiency (HSK 4 or above).

Candidates applying for programmes taught in Chinese need to provide evidence of Chinese language proficiency. If a language preparatory course is required applicants should complete their Chinese language studies first. They will then be required to reapply for a scholarship for their degree studies in 2018.

Applications for PhD studies are open to all fields of study. For other levels of study, preference will be given to postgraduates and applications in the following fields:

- Biotechnology
- Chinese language studies
- Environment and climate change
- Engineering maritime studies
- Natural and physical sciences
- Nuclear and renewable energy
- Space science and technology
- Statistics
- Telecommunication.

Application for the scholarship is open to all South African citizens with a strong academic record. Applicants must be available to study abroad from September 2017. Furthermore, all applicants must meet the minimum academic requirements for entry into a similar programme at a South African university.

The scholarship offers registration and tuition, accommodation, living allowance and medical insurance. The South African government will also provide support for travelling expenses, basic monthly living allowance and once-off settlement allowance.

The application process closes on 22nd March 2017 Shortlisted candidates will be contacted in April 2017 and requested to complete the China Scholarship Council online application.

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) application forms are available at: www.Internationalscholarships.dhet.gov.za. Completed forms together with supporting documents should be send to:
Internationalscholarships@dhet.gov.za.

All scholarship application related enquiries can be directed to:
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