

**CALL FOR PRE-SELECTION FOR CITIZENS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
XLI CYCLE – ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026**

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1. Announcement

Sapienza University of Rome and the **China Scholarship Council** signed a Cooperation Agreement promoting the enrolment of Chinese graduates in PhD Programmes (academic year **2025-2026**, XLI cycle).

The PhD Programme lasts three years. At the end of the first and second years of attendance, students will be evaluated as proficient according to the rules of the PhD Programmes.

2. Admission Requirements

The pre-selection call is open only to citizens of the People's Republic of China; overseas Chinese students may be eligible for application subject to CSC policy.

3. Pre-selection and selection

In compliance with the provisions set forth in the Cooperation Agreement, the selection is a two-fold process:

- I. pre-selection at SAPIENZA;
- II. selection by CSC.

The first step will be carried out exclusively online and is aimed at pre-selecting applicants willing to enroll in one of the PhD Programmes listed in the Appendix.

At a later stage, preselected applicants with defined Supervisors, will be then selected by CSC, according to the deadlines mentioned below for the awarding of the scholarship.

4. Applications and Deadline

In order to apply, candidates must first;

- I. Register on the [INFOSTUD](#) (Sapienza Online Information System) and generate a personal Student ID number (in Italian called MATRICOLA). **PLEASE ENTER YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS AS SHOWN ON YOUR PASSPORT.**
- II. After the registration, [login on Infostud](#) and click on "PhD Programmes" → **Pre-selection for PhD Programmes with a scholarship funded by the China**



Scholarship Council → select the PhD programme of your interest and proceed with the application and upload all the following mandatory documents:

- Proposal of a research project (not exceeding 8.000 characters);
- Motivation letter (brief statement explaining his/her PhD programme choice and the candidate's scientific interests);
- English proficiency certificate;
- Copy of identity card or passport;
- Copy of the Master's Degree or equivalent degree and list of exams with marks, in English;
- Curriculum vitae et studiorum.

After submission, further modification will be possible until the deadline. All documents must be written in English and uploaded in PDF format. The maximum size for each document is 5 MB (5120 KBytes). No other format will be accepted.

The deadline for submission of the application and the supporting documents listed above is **February 21th, 2025 at 12.00 a.m.** (CET).

5. Operational Indications

The list of eligible pre-selected candidates will be published on the following web page:
<https://www.uniroma1.it/it/pagina/ammissione-ai-corsi-di-dottorato>

After being nominated by SAPIENZA, **from March 10 to April 1, 2025**, students need to log in on <https://sa.csc.edu.cn/student>, fill out information, and submit materials, such as: invitation/pre-acceptance letter from SAPIENZA, supervisor's signed CV and research proposal transcript.

Students can read detailed instructions for application on CSC website
<https://www.csc.edu.cn/>

The final candidates, selected by CSC, will receive further instructions to complete the enrolment for the academic year 2025/2026 via email; the same email will indicate the mandatory documents to be provided to Sapienza for enrollment in the PhD programmes.

6. Attainment of PhD



Students must attend the courses and seminars and other activities offered by their PhD programmes, pass the related examinations and prepare a PhD dissertation, which must have original results.

The PhD title is obtained at the end of the third year after the candidate's dissertation is completed and is positively evaluated by an independent jury appointed by the Rector.

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THE RECTOR
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