

Call for theses subject projects – all domains
PhD scholarship programs
ENS group – China Scholarship Council (CSC) 2018

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 30 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.

2018 schedule:

Step 1: call for thesis subjects: from 10/11/2017 to 15/01/2018

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

You will find the form for thesis projects attached to this message.

Step 2: call for applicants: from 20/01/2018 to 20/02/2018

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. Chinese students will directly contact the thesis director for his application. To apply, the deadline is set on **February 20, 2018**.

Step 3: selection: March 2018

- 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.
- 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 **March 24, 2018** 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 €1200 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 cover letter written in English or in French
- 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.