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YENCHING SCHOLARSHIP

All admitted Yenching Scholars will be selected for the first-year scholarship, by following scholarship regulations for the Yenching Academy of Peking University Master's program in China Studies.

The scholarship award is to support students' study-related costs within the period of enrollment, and help students complete graduation requirement within the designated date. In general, the scholarship for the first academic year covers tuition fees, a travel stipend for one round-trip journey between each scholar's home city and Beijing during the course of the program, a monthly stipend, on-campus accommodations, and a medical premium for international students. The second-year scholarship shall be awarded based upon the result of the annual evaluation.

During the unprecedented situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, YCA has adjusted a series of scholarship policies in accordance with the Peking University's policies and regulations, we will keep scholars updated on the scholarship disbursement and the grants application if we receive any related news from the university.

1.Sources of Funding

The Yenching Scholarship is funded by donations from both governmental and non-governmental sources. At present, our major sponsors include China Scholarship Council and Bai Xian Education Foundation. Once you are awarded the above honors, your Yenching Scholarship will be funded by both the Yenching Academy and the above sponsors.

1.1 China Scholarship Council

To promote the mutual understanding, cooperation and exchange in various fields between China and other countries, the Chinese government has set up a series of scholarship programs to fund international students and scholars as they study and conduct research at Chinese universities. The China Scholarship Council entrusted by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China is responsible for the enrollment and administration of the Chinese Government Scholarship programs.

1.2 Bai Xian Education Foundation

Bai Xian Education Foundation provides the funding through a program "Asian Future Leaders Scholarship Program (hereinafter referred to as "AFLSP")." It promotes cross-cultural understanding among young people of Asian descent while they are studying within the Asia-Pacific region. As a mandatory engagement, the YCA Bai Xian Scholars will participate in a three-week summer enrichment program in 2021 with full attendance. There will also be activities that are particularly designed for the Bai Xian Scholars in Peking University, including Bai Xian Scholars from other departments of Peking University. Further details will be provided during the AFLSP Orientation.

2.Composition and Granting of the Scholarship

Each international scholar will be asked to open a Chinese bank account at Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (hereinafter referred to as "ICBC") when they report to campus. Scholars from the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan will receive their bank cards of Agriculture Bank of China (hereinafter referred to as "ABC") attached along with the admission letters. This bank account will be used for stipend disbursement during the Yenching life.

2.1 First-year Yenching Scholarship

2.1.1 Tuition fees

Tuition fees are refunded to students from the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan after they have paid at the beginning of the academic year; tuition waivers are granted to international students from September 2020 through August 2021;

2.1.2 On-campus accommodation

All scholars are required to stay in Yenching Academy Dormitory (Shaoyuan Building No.6) during the first academic year from the month the students arrive on campus as per the request of the Yenching Academy. The Yenching Academy pays accommodation fees to Shaoyuan on behalf of the students living there.

2.1.3 Monthly stipend

In general, the Yenching Academy begins granting a monthly stipend of RMB 3,000 for the first academic year from September 2020 through August 2021 after students register for enrollment and open a bank account. The stipends will be disbursed to students' Chinese bank accounts on the last Monday of each month.

Given that PKU Financial Department can only deposit the stipends into a Chinese bank account linked to a PKU Student ID after the students report to campus, the stipend disbursement for students currently not staying in Beijing will be temporarily postponed. Once the students are eligible to report to campus and open a bank account, PKU's financial office will then disburse all monthly expenses the students should have received earlier in one lump sum.

2.1.4 Travel stipend

The travel stipend covers one round-trip journey between each scholar's "base city" (this must be a city in the country or region corresponding to your citizenship) and Beijing during the course of the program. Scholars will be expected to purchase travel tickets upfront, and the one-way inbound economy class fare to Beijing will be reimbursed to you after you report to campus.

During these unprecedented times, YCA has updated the stipend policy for students who will be able to report to campus before October 31, 2020, which will only be applied to Beijing inbound tickets. For international students who will be able to report to campus before October 31, the maximum

amount of inbound expenses to Beijing that YCA will cover is RMB 12,000 (including railway or domestic flights from your centralized quarantine city to Beijing). If your travel expense exceeds RMB 12,000, YCA will reimburse 50% of the exceeded amount, while the remaining 50% will need to be self-sponsored by the scholars themselves. Further arrangements for the return tickets will be announced at a later date.

For students who will be able to report to campus after October 31 according to PKU's policy, we will keep those students informed of future updates.

2.1.5 Basic medical premium for international students

The medical premium of RMB 800 per year for international scholars is covered during the first academic year, which will be effective from the month the students arrive in Beijing and report to campus.

Peking University offers the chance for students from the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan to purchase basic medical insurance. Students who are willing to purchase the insurance should complete it on PKU portal.

2.2 Bonus grants for first-year scholarship holders

Students receiving the first-year scholarship will be eligible to apply for Dean's Research Grant, Summer Opportunity Grant, and Academic Exchange Grant. In response to university's policies during the pandemic period, applications for the first-year grants are subject to be postponed or suspended. Further details for each type of grant will be announced when the application time is closer.

2.2.1 Dean's Research Grant

The Dean's Research Grant aims to support China-related research by offering funding to support the development of student-led projects on an individual or group basis. Maximum funding for an individual research project is RMB 3,000, and RMB 5,000 for a group research project.

2.2.2 Opportunity Grants – Summer Grants

The Opportunity Grants provide funds to assist scholars to present their scholarly achievements in academic and professional conferences and symposia, participate in competitions or programs that benefit their education while positively representing the Yenching Academy at these events. Typically,

these programs are one-time commitments and are short term (3 months or less). The grants, which may cover all or part of the project costs, are awarded after evaluation by the YCA Opportunity Grants Committee.

There are 4 quotas for summer grants. For the amounts and the other 2 grants types (Fall Grants and Spring Grants), please refer to Chapter 2.5.5.

2.2.3 Academic Exchange Grant

In order to increase opportunities for international exchange, promote the level of academic research, and cultivate more innovative talents who are internationally competitive, the Graduate School of Peking University has established the Academic Exchange Grants to sponsor outstanding graduate students to present scholarly achievements at international academic conferences or to attend reputable summer (winter) school programs. The fund is set up by PKU and implemented by the Yenching Academy, including one roundtrip travel expense, accommodation costs, visa fee, and registration fee.

2.3 Scholarship evaluation

During the second academic year, international students may choose to stay or not to stay in Beijing; students from the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan are required to stay in Beijing. Students who pass the annual evaluation for the scholarship and are based in Beijing during the second academic year will continue receiving the second-year scholarship.

International scholars who pass the annual evaluation and plan not to stay in Beijing during the second academic year will only receive a second-year tuition waiver. The second-year monthly stipend, the accommodations, and the medical premium will no longer be supported by YCA.

Evaluation Criteria:

In order to pass the evaluation, students are required to fulfill all the criteria listed below:

- (1) Comply with the rules and regulations of the People's Republic of China, the Postgraduate Manual of Peking University, the Code of Conduct of the Yenching Academy and its policies.
- (2) Pass all the courses taken in the first academic year;
- (3) Complete 31 course credits in the first academic year;
- (4) Earn a minimum 3.0 GPA in the first academic year;

For students who fail to pass the annual evaluation, the second-year scholarship will be adjusted/terminated referring to Chapter 2.6.

2.4 Second-year scholarship

The second-year scholarship covers tuition fees, accommodations, a monthly stipend, and a medical premium for international scholars.

2.4.1 Tuition fees

Tuition fees are refunded to students from the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan after they have paid at the beginning of the academic year; tuition waivers granted to international students from September 2021 through July 2022;

2.4.2 Accommodations

During the second academic year, scholars are provided with on-campus accommodations in the PKU dormitory, or an off-campus housing stipend of RMB 3,000 per month to cover rental fee in Beijing, starting from the first eligible month of the second-year Student Residence Permit in China until June 2022 for international scholars. For scholars from the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, the accommodations will be effective from the month the scholars complete the in-person registration as continuing students until June 2022.

2.4.3 Monthly stipend

The second-year monthly stipend of RMB 3,000 will be granted to scholars following the scholarship disbursement policy. Relevant information will be announced when the second-year scholarship application is open.

2.4.4 Basic medical premium for international scholars

The medical premium of RMB 800 per year for international scholars is covered for the second academic year. Students from the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan shall complete the online registration on PKU portal.

2.5 Bonus grants for second-year scholarship holders

Scholars who receive the second-year scholarship will have the opportunity to apply for a number of grants. The application will be open for the second-year scholarship holders who are eligible for the following criteria:

- (1) Outstanding academic performance with a minimum 3.5 GPA.
- (2) Free of “warnings” and “severe warnings” from YCA;
- (3) YCA Extracurricular Point System will also be considered as an important reference for each grant committee’s review.

Please note that the grants introduced in the following are subject to be postponed or suspended according to PKU’s policy. Further details for each type of grant will be announced when the application time is closer.

2.5.1 Overseas exchange programs

Students who fulfill the credit requirement within the first academic year will be eligible to apply for overseas exchange programs. Each scholar is entitled to the overseas exchange program stipend only once during the Yenching Academy program.

2.5.1.1 PKU-level exchange programs

- (1) Education Abroad Program (For all Yenching Scholars)

Organized by the Office of International Relations (hereinafter referred to as “OIR”) of Peking University, the Education Abroad Program (hereinafter referred to as “EAP”) is open for application to all enrolled students in PKU. Scholars may apply for EAP through the OIR system. Scholars who are approved for the semester-long exchange by both OIR and YCA are required to check out from Shaoyuan before departure. During the overseas study period, scholars will receive a monthly exchange stipend of RMB 7,380 supported by YCA with a suspension of the regular monthly stipend.

An overseas travel stipend will be reimbursed to scholars who return to campus from either semester exchange or summer program, present their travel tickets and submit an exchange study report to YCA.

- (2) Cambridge University, Trinity College Exchange Program (for scholars from the Chinese Mainland only)

The Peking University offers a one-year MPhil study opportunity at the University of Cambridge funded by Trinity College. The funding includes tuition fees, a monthly living stipend, on-campus accommodations, and transportation stipend. Scholars admitted to this exchange program will be required to check out from Shaoyuan with their regular YCA monthly stipend suspended upon departure.

For the program application, scholars may either postpone the YCA graduation for half a year to apply for exchanging during their second academic year or apply to attend the program after they graduate from the 2-year Yenching program. Upon completion of both the Yenching program and the MPhil program, scholars will be awarded a dual degree from the Peking University and the University of Cambridge.

2.5.1.2 YCA-level exchange programs (for scholars from the Chinese Mainland only)

The Yenching Academy provides students the opportunity to attend classes or conduct research in the third semester at China and Asia Pacific Studies at Cornell University. Successful applicants shall apply for funding from the China Scholarship Council to support their exchange at Cornell.

2.5.2 Academic Exchange Grants

The Academic Exchange Grants are open for outstanding second-year scholarship holders. Please refer to Chapter 2.2.3 for further information.

2.5.3 Assistantship at YCA

The Yenching Academy provides a platform for scholars to improve collaborative, organizational and communicative skills, and to be trained to better prepare for their future careers by offering student assistantship positions, including teaching assistant, residential advisor, and office assistant. Scholars who successfully receive the assistantship offer will be assigned to work 20 hours per week with a monthly standard salary of RMB 2,500 from September 2021 to June 2022. On-campus single room residences are required for all YCA student assistants to stay.

2.5.4 Language Enrichment Grants

The Language Enrichment Grants (including Mandarin Enrichment grant and English Enrichment

grant) provide funds to encourage and support promising second-year scholars to continue their Mandarin/English study. The grants are geared towards their professional pursuits, and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between China and the international community.

The grants are available for scholars who wish to undertake Mandarin/English programs hosted by reputable domestic or international universities based in Beijing. The grants may cover all or part of the program costs, which will be awarded after evaluation by the YCA's Board. The funding is only valid for language programs that end before February of the second year (spring semester).

- Mandarin Enrichment Grant: There are 25 quotas available for the domestic program, each up to RMB 10,000; the international program offers 5 quotas, each up to RMB 20,000.
- English Enrichment Grant: There are 5 quotas each year for English programs in Beijing. The grant for each scholar is up to RMB 10,000.

2.5.5 Opportunity Grants – Fall Grants and Spring Grants

Fall Grants and Spring Grants application are open for the second-year scholarship holders.

Scholars are (1) eligible to receive up to RMB 3,000 for presenting at a conference or program; (2) eligible to receive up to RMB 3,000 per person for attending a competition. A group competition grant should not exceed RMB 9,000. (3) eligible for up to a total of RMB 4,000 of YCA opportunity grants per academic year (from September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022);

2.5.6 Awards/career recommendation

High-performing scholars in both academic and extracurricular fields will have the priority to be recommended for academy-wide awards, career opportunities, school or city-wide events, and any other opportunities that may arise throughout the academic year.

2.6 Scholarship Adjustment and Termination

In any of the following situations, a student's scholarship will be adjusted/terminated:

- (1) If a scholar violates the rules and regulations of the People's Republic of China, the Postgraduate Manual of Peking University, the Code of Conduct of the Yenching Academy and its policies, the scholarship is subject to reduction or termination;

- (2) If a scholar fails one course, with a minimum 3.0 GPA achieved and minimum 31 course credits completed during the first academic year, the second-year monthly stipend, on-campus accommodations /off-campus housing stipend and insurance will be terminated, while the second-year tuition fee will still be waived;
- (3) If a scholar fails two or more courses, or receives a GPA lower than 3.0, or fails to complete 31 course credits during the first academic year, the second-year full scholarship will be terminated;
- (4) If a scholar applies for nontraditional student status, the scholarship is subject to adjustment/termination under the following conditions:
 - 1) If a scholar is granted a study suspension, the scholarship will be suspended during the suspension period, and will be resumed when the scholar returns to study;
 - 2) If a scholar completes early graduation, the scholarship terminates upon the graduation date;
 - 3) If a scholar is granted an extension of the study, any expenses incurred during the extension period will not be covered by YCA;
 - 4) If a scholar withdraws or is expelled from PKU, the scholarship will be terminated from the date the status is approved;
 - 5) For other nontraditional student statuses, the scholarship is subject to adjustment/termination;
- (5) If a scholar signs the "Pre-Leave Checklist" and "Thesis defense agreement", the second-year monthly stipend, the accommodations, and the medical premium will be terminated from the month the signature enters into force;
- (6) If a scholar fails to follow the second-year scholarship disbursement policy, the second-year scholarship is subject to reduction/termination.

Yenching Academy reserves the right of final explanation. All further terms and conditions are set by the Yenching Academy and prior notice will be given for any changes on the above details.



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