

Frequently Asked Questions

Application:

1. Definitions: What is meant by Diploma, Certificate/Transcript, CV, Statement of Purpose, etc?

- *Diploma*: Proof of graduation from university (certified)
- *Certificate/Transcript of Records*: A list of your grades and results of your studies
- *Proof of registration*: Document showing that you are currently registered for studies or have a current employment
- *CV*: Curriculum Vitae i.e. a document that contains a summary or listing of relevant job experience and education, including what you are doing today
- *Statement of Purpose*: A concise essay about your interests and career goals, identified means to achieve them and accomplishments so far towards those goals. We look for a short, crisp and clear Statement of Purpose, of maximum one page.
- *Degree*: Your university degree, for instance BSc, MSc and/or PhD.

2. Can I send scanned documents only or do I also have to send them by regular mail?

If the scanned documents are clear (try it out when printing them), and text/logo/stamps are readable, then scanned copies are sufficient. If not, you can send them by regular mail as well – to your first hand choice university. Please note: all certificates/degrees have to be stamped by your home university.

3. Can I send my documents in another language than English (e.g. Chinese, etc.)?

All official documents such as diplomas / course records / certificates, etc., must have a certified English translation. The only exception is the copy of the passport.

4. Will I also need to send my High school diploma when applying for an MSc or higher level?

No.

5. Can I apply to more than one university?

Yes, you may apply for two universities.

6. What is meant by sending / uploading certificates / degrees / language tests? Why do I need to provide these?

Uploading documents means you have to scan your documents and send them to us through the Internet. This documentation is necessary to prove that you are eligible and have the specific requirements needed.

For example:

If you wish to apply for an MSc study, you need to show that you have a BSc diploma.

If you wish to apply for a PhD, you have to show that you have an MSc diploma and also the transcript of records showing the courses for the specific programme.

If you wish to apply you have to make sure that all your documents are in order. An incomplete application will not be considered in the selection process.

Note: It is important to submit your language proficiency test (some universities have higher requirements than others). Please, see the website of the university you are applying to.

7. How do I know which Target group I belong to?

The EM ECW14 has three target groups. You have to identify which group you belong to before applying for a scholarship.

Target Group 1

Students and academic staff currently enrolled in or affiliated with one of the Partner Universities. Note that you must provide documents that prove that you are currently enrolled in one of the universities that is a member of the partnership. Applicants to the Chinese partner universities must have a European citizenship (EU, EEA and EU-candidates). Applicants to the European partner universities must have a Chinese citizenship.

Among PhD, Post Doc and staff applicants, a certain priority will be given to those who will participate in the development of cooperation in research or education.

All European applicants belong to this target group.

The scholarship is offered at the following levels: Undergraduate, Master, Doctorate, Post-Doctorate, Academic staff.

Target Group 2

Chinese Nationals who are studying at or have a degree from a Chinese higher education institution that is not a partner university;

Chinese Nationals who have finished their degree at a Partner University and are no longer enrolled in one;

Chinese Nationals who have finished their degree at a higher education institution and are working in public administration or public and private enterprises.

Priority will be given to persons who are working in organizations dealing with issues that are connected to the prioritized fields (public health, social welfare, entrepreneurship/innovation, environmental issues, international law/human rights).

The scholarship is offered at the following levels: Master, Doctorate, Post-Doctorate.

Target Group 3

Chinese Nationals in particularly vulnerable situations, either due to economic reasons or because of physical disabilities. This project will focus on victims of natural disasters, minorities from lesser developed areas in the interior of China, and students and staff with disabilities. The applicant needs to be studying at or have a degree from a Chinese higher education institution.

You need to submit a document confirming that you belong to this target group.

The scholarship is offered at the following levels: Undergraduate, Master, Doctorate and Post-Doctorate.

8. Can I update my application?

If you need to alter or update your personal information in your application you need to click on the link in the first registration e-mail that you received. You can do this until you have closed your application (after you have uploaded all the required documents).

If you need to delete your uploaded documents you can do this on your personal page. You can do this until you have closed your application.

You should not close the application until you know for sure that you don't want to change anything in your application. You can upload documents up to 5 days after the application deadline.

9. Can I apply for courses/positions, other than those listed?

No, you can only apply for those courses/positions which are listed. The available courses/positions is decided by each host university.

10. Do I need to make an initial registration to the host university?

No. If you get nominated, you will receive information from the host university how to proceed with the course/programme application.

11. Can I use the EM ECW14 scholarship to study at any university of my choice?

Yes, you can choose to apply to one or two of the European Partner Universities if you come from China. If you come from Europe you can choose among the 10 Partner Universities in China.

12. Can you give me more information on your program and scholarships?

All information on the EM ECW14 programme and available scholarships is available on this website.

13. I'm from Taiwan, can I apply for the scholarship?

No, students from Taiwan and Hong Kong are NOT eligible. Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) and Hong Kong are not covered by the DCI financing instrument (which is the financing instrument for your project). They rather benefit from the so-called instrument for

cooperation with industrialised and other high-income countries and territories.

14. Can I apply for the scholarship although I already have started my mobility to one of the Partner Universities?

Yes, you may apply for the scholarship, however you will only be able to receive the scholarship from the day that you have received information that you have been nominated.

15. What do I do if I can't get the results of TOEFL/IELTS before the deadline of the application?

If you have the results of a Chinese English test or equivalent, please upload your results of this test as well as proof of that you have registered for a TOEFL/IELTS test or equivalent. When you have received the results of the official test please scan the documents and send it to info@emecwchina.org

Selection:

1. How do you select the scholarship holders?

Only complete applications will be considered i.e. you have to fill in the online application and upload relevant documents. The university you have applied to will decide whether you are eligible and can be considered for studies at their university. The university will also rank all candidates that have applied to their university, according to common ranking criteria (see below).

A selection committee will meet to select candidates and finalize the list of nominated students and scholars, in cooperation with all the partner universities.

Students and scholars will be notified by the end of February/ beginning of March.

The list of nominated candidates will be sent to the Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) and will include a list of reserves.

The host university will be responsible for further processing of the mobility (admission, visa, payment of scholarship, accrediting degrees, accommodation, tuition etc.).

All students and scholars have to start their studies/research before 1 Sept 2010.

The final selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Academic performance
- Language capacity to follow courses, teach/do research at the host university
- Gender balance
- The scholar's commitment to come back to his/her home institution/country
- Established cooperation and intentions to strengthen cooperation between home department and host department will be prioritized, when applicable.
- Gender balance
- Prioritized fields of study
- Spread among the different home universities, host universities and target groups.

Prioritised fields of study:

Environmental issues

Social welfare
Entrepreneurship/Innovation
International law/Human rights
Public health

2. When will I be informed if I will get accepted or not?

You will be informed by e-mail at the latest four months after the application deadline.

3. If I am selected for a scholarship within EM ECW 14, when can I start my mobility?

For specified dates, check the information regarding the course/position that you want to apply for in the application database. The dates will also be communicated to you if you are selected for a scholarship. However, all scholarship holders must start their mobility *before* September 1, 2010.

The Mobility period:

1. Will I be charged a tuition fee?

A scholarship to cover tuition fees (when applicable) will be paid directly to the host university. With the exception of small fees to cover library costs, laboratory consumables, etc. which could be charged on an equal basis as to local students, scholarship holders cannot be charged tuition fees.

2. What does the scholarship cover?

The scholarship covers tuition fees, housing, living expenses, a return ticket from your home university to the host university, full insurance cover.