

2025 Application Instructions for International Students (Doctoral Programs) at Shandong University

I. Eligibility

1. General Requirements

(1) Applicants must be physically and mentally healthy, friendly to China, have no criminal record, and be non-Chinese citizens holding a valid regular foreign passport;

(2) Applicants must possess a Master's degree awarded by an institution accredited by the Chinese Ministry of Education.

2. Language Proficiency Requirements

(1) Chinese-taught Programs

Applicants must pass the HSK Level 6 examination (210 points or above). Applicants with the highest level of education taught in Chinese are exempt from providing an HSK certificate, but must provide proof of the language of instruction.

(2) English-taught Programs

Applicants whose native language is English are exempt from providing English language proficiency certificates. Applicants whose native language is not English must provide proof of English language proficiency with the results of IELTS (6.0 or above), TOEFL (80 points or above, SDU's DI code: C296), MyBest Scores

(80 points or above), Essentials test (8 points or above), or other equivalent English language proficiency certificates. Applicants whose native language is not English but have received their highest level of education taught in English are exempt from providing IELTS/TOEFL certificates and other proof of English proficiency, but must submit proof of the language of instruction.

Note: The exit and entry administration authority of the Chinese public security organ will determine whether the applicant has Chinese nationality in addition to foreign nationality based on the results of the nationality determination. If it is determined that the applicant holds Chinese nationality after application, admission, or enrollment, the application, admission, or study qualification will be annulled.

II. Application Time

Self-financed Program application timeline: From now to May 31, 2025;

Chinese Government Scholarship (Type A) application timeline: Please consult the relevant dispatch authority of the host country for specific information;

Chinese Government Scholarship (Type B) application timeline: From now to February 16, 2025;

China Studies Program application timeline: From now to February 28, 2025;

Jinan Sister City Scholarship application timeline: From now to March 1, 2025;

Shandong University Scholarship for Outstanding International Students application timeline: From now to April 1, 2025.

Note: After the application deadline, no supplementary materials will be accepted. Applicants are advised to complete their applications at least two weeks before the deadline.

III. Academic Programs

Each applicant can only choose one program. In principle, changes to the chosen program will not be allowed.

List of Doctoral Programs for International Students of Shandong University (2025-2026, in Chinese Medium)

School/College	Campus	Academic Program	School Length
School of Stomatology	Baotquan Campus, Jinan	Clinical Stomatology	4 years
School of Nursing and Rehabilitation	Baotquan Campus, Jinan	Nursing	4 years
Advanced Institute for Confucian Studies	Central Campus, Jinan	Chinese Philosophy	4 years
		Folklore	4 years
The Center for Economic Research	Central Campus, Jinan	Law and Economics	4 years
		Finance	4 years
		World Economy	4 years

		Quantitative Economics	4 years
		Regional Economics	4 years
		Population, Resources and Environmental Economics	4 years
School of Law	Qingdao Campus	Law	4 years
School of Mechanical Engineering	Qianfoshan Campus, Jinan	Mechanical Engineering	4 years

List of Doctoral Programs for International Students of Shandong University (2025-2026, in English Medium)

School/College	Campus	Academic Program	School Length
School of Basic Medical Sciences	Baotuan Campus, Jinan	Human Anatomy and Histoembryology	4 years
School of Public Health	Baotuan Campus, Jinan	Epidemiology and Health Statistics	4 years
School of Nursing and Rehabilitation	Baotuan Campus, Jinan	Nursing	4 years
School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Baotuan Campus, Jinan	Medicinal Chemistry	4 years
School of Foreign Languages and Literature	Hongjialou Campus, Jinan	English Language and Literature	4 years

School of Economics	Central Campus, Jinan	Finance	4 years
		International Trade	4 years
The Center for Economic Research	Central Campus, Jinan	Law and Economics	4 years
		Finance	4 years
		World Economy	4 years
		Quantitative Economics	4 years
		Regional Economics	4 years
		Population, Resources and Environmental Economics	4 years
School of Political Science and Public Administration	Qingdao Campus	International Politics	4 years
School of Physics	Central Campus, Jinan	Condensed Matter Physics	4 years
School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	Central Campus, Jinan	Physical Chemistry	4 years
		Polymer Chemistry and Physics	4 years
		Inorganic Chemistry	4 years
		Organic Chemistry	4 years
School of Materials Science and Engineering	Qianfoshan Campus, Jinan	Materials Science and Engineering	4 years
School of Mechanical Engineering	Qianfoshan Campus, Jinan	Mechanical Engineering	4 years
School of Energy and Power Engineering	Qianfoshan Campus, Jinan	Power Engineering and Engineering Thermophysics	4 years

School of Qilu Transportation	Qianfoshan Campus, Jinan	Bridge and Tunnel Engineering	4 years
School of Civil Engineering	Qianfoshan Campus, Jinan	Geotechnical Engineering	4 years
School of Control Science and Engineering	Qianfoshan Campus, Jinan	Biomedical Engineering	4 years
School of Integrated Circuits	Software Campus, Jinan	Integrated Circuit Engineering	4 years
		Integrated Circuit Science and Engineering	4 years
School of Environmental Science and Engineering	Qingdao Campus	Environmental Science and Engineering	4 years
Environment Research Institute	Qingdao Campus	Environmental Science and Engineering	4 years
Institute of Frontier and Interdisciplinary Science	Qingdao Campus	Plasma Physics	4 years
Institute of Frontier and Interdisciplinary Science	Qingdao Campus	Particle Physics and Nuclear Physics	4 years
Microbial Technology Institute	Qingdao Campus	Microbiology	4 years
School of	Qingdao	Information and	4 years

Information Science and Engineering	Campus	Communication Engineering	
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IV. Application Procedures

Please visit Shandong University Application System for International Students (<http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn>) to register an account and complete the application. Hard copies of application documents are not needed.

V. Application Documents

Applicants are required to ensure the authenticity and accuracy of the provided application information and materials. If the application information and materials are verified to be untrue, the applicant's application, admission, or enrollment qualification will be canceled.

1. Personal information page of the passport (regular personal passport valid beyond March 1, 2026);

2. Undergraduate diploma/degree certificate and master's diploma/degree or pre-graduation certificate (the pre-graduation certificate must be stamped with the school seal, indicating the expected graduation date, and the graduation and degree certificates must be obtained before the registration date of the corresponding year);

3. Transcripts of all undergraduate and master courses (stamped with the school seal);

4. Two recommendation letters from professors or associate professors (or experts with equivalent professional titles) related to the applied program. The recommendation letters should include the referrer's name (handwritten signature), position, institution, telephone number, and email address;

5. Letter of motivation in Chinese or English;

Applicants should follow the template provided by our university (please download the template from: <https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm> - "Download"). Applicants for Chinese-taught programs should write in Chinese, while applicants for English-taught programs should write in English.

6. Language proficiency certificate (the certificate should be valid, usually for a period of 2 years. If applicants provide proof of language of instruction, a school letter signed by the relevant responsible person and stamped with the school seal is required);

7. Foreigner Physical Examination Form;

Applicants should undergo the examination strictly according to the required items stated in the *Foreigner Physical Examination Form* (please download the template from:

<https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm> - "Download").

Forms will be deemed invalid if they are incomplete, lack attached photos, do not have a cross-page seal on the photo, lack a signature of the attending physician, or are without an official hospital stamp. Please ensure the physical examination remains valid during the application as the result is valid for only 6 months.

8. Certificate of No Criminal Record;

Applicants must submit the Certificate of No Criminal Record issued by local public security management department. It should be valid within 6 months prior to the application date.

9. Scanned copies of the financial guarantee materials (applicants who apply for the Chinese Government Scholarship or China Studies Program and don't accept any adjustment are exempt from these requirements), including: (1) Scanned copies of passport or identification document of the financial guarantor (limited to the applicant or immediate family member); (2) Proof of financial support, with deposits of no less than 50,000 RMB or an equivalent amount in foreign currency.

10. Applicants who meet the following criteria are required to submit the following supporting documents, including but not limited to:

(1) Residents of the Chinese mainland, Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan who apply for admission to Shandong University as international students after they have immigrated and acquired the foreign nationality shall provide the following materials: (a) Proof documents related to the renunciation of Chinese nationality; (b) Certificate of annulment of household registration in China; (c) Certificate of permanent residence in a foreign country; (d) Certificate of acquiring foreign nationality;

(2) For those obtaining foreign nationality at birth, if either one or both parents are Chinese citizens, and are applying as international students, the following documents are required: (a) Certificate of obtaining foreign nationality at birth; (b) Permanent residence permit(s), passport(s), or identification document(s) of the parent(s) (Chinese citizen(s)) before the applicant's birth in a foreign country;

11. Proof of Employment (if available);

12. Table of Contents and Abstracts of Published Academic Articles (if available);

13. Additional supplementary materials required by Shandong University.

Note: All application documents must be in Chinese or English. If the documents are in other languages, the original document and a

certified translation in English or Chinese must be uploaded together. Please use a scanner to scan the relevant documents in color, as documents taken with mobile phones or cameras, as well as photocopies, will not be accepted. Except for the "Foreigner Physical Examination Form" and personal signatures, handwritten documents will not be accepted.

VI. Examination and Admission

The university will assess applicants through a review of their application documents, interviews, and other methods. Admission will be based on the final grades. If there is a written test, applicants will receive further notice. After completing the application, please regularly check your application system and registered email for updates on your admission status and related information.

VII. Registration

Admitted students must strictly follow the time specified in the admission letter to register at Shandong University. During registration, the original copies of the graduation/degree certificate, language proficiency certificate, Foreigner Physical Examination Form and other required documents will be verified. Those failing to submit the corresponding certificates will be disqualified from enrollment.

VIII. Fees

1. Application fee: 400 RMB/person (Please pay the application fee after receiving the pre-admission email. Once the application fee is paid, it will be non-refundable.);

2. Tuition fee standards:

Program Category	Instruction Language	Academic Program	Tuition (RMB/year)
Humanities and Social Sciences/Economics/Management	Chinese	All	26,000
	English	All	32,000
Science & Technology	Chinese	All	31,000
	English	All	34,000
Medicine	Chinese	All	36,000
	English	All	36,000
Fine Arts & P.E.	Chinese	All	41,000

3. Medical insurance fee: 800 RMB/person/year. Failure to purchase the required medical insurance for international students studying in China will result in the inability to complete the registration procedures at the university;

4. Accommodation fee: Varied based on the room type, typically ranging from 23 to 45 RMB/person/day.

IX. Scholarships

Scholarship	Application Approach	Scholarship Details
Chinese Government Scholarship (Type A)	Relevant dispatch authority of the host country	Please refer to: https://www.campuschina.org/content/detail_s3_74776.html

Scholarship	Application Approach	Scholarship Details
Chinese Government Scholarship (Type B)	Must apply on two websites: Chinese Government Scholarship application website: https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login Shandong University application website: http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn/	Please refer to: 2025 Application Guide to Chinese Government Scholarship (Type B) at Shandong University
China Studies Program	Must apply on two websites: Center for Language Education and Cooperation website: http://www.chinese.cn/page/#/pcpage/csp Shandong University application website: http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn/	Please refer to: 2025 Application Guide to Shandong University Ph.D. Fellowship of China Studies Program of Center for Language Education and Cooperation
Jinan Sister City Scholarship	Shandong University application website: http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn/	Please refer to: 2025 Application Guide to Jinan Sister City Scholarship at Shandong University
Shandong University Scholarship for Outstanding International Students	Shandong University application website: http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn/	Please refer to: 2025 Application Guide to Shandong University Scholarship for Outstanding International Students

X. Visa

Admitted students must take the electronic version of the admission letter and the Confirmation Form for Studying in China (JW201/202) to the Chinese Embassy or Consulate abroad to apply for a study visa. International students studying in China for up to 6 months should apply for an X2 visa. Those studying for more than 6 months should apply for an X1 visa and apply for a residence permit within 30 days after arriving in China.

XI. Contact Us

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