

CHINESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Through the goodwill of the China Scholarship Council (CSC) and the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in New York, the Department of Asian Studies at Williams College has been invited to nominate two Williams students to receive a "Chinese Government Scholarship" to study Chinese language or culture in China since September 2008.

The scholarship allows two Williams students to study either Mandarin language in a university-affiliated language training center, or a major field in a degree-granting program, at one of the 115 universities and colleges located all over China which are approved by CSC. (Please note that American-run language programs in China such as ACC, CET, or PIB are not eligible.) The recipient of the scholarship will be entitled to a tuition waiver (ranging from RMB ¥20,000 to ¥32,000 depending on the program), and be exempt from all school-related expenses (including fees and costs for registration, application, lab, textbooks, and dorm room). The recipient will also receive a monthly stipend in the amount of ¥1,100, a one-time relocation allowance of ¥600, reimbursement for roundtrip domestic train tickets between the port of entry and the destination city in China, and free medical insurance. Applicants should note that international airfare and miscellaneous expenses are not included.

Basic eligibility requirements for students interested in applying for the scholarship are:

1. Must not be a citizen of the People's Republic of China
2. Currently a student at Williams College
3. Have taken (or currently taking) one or more Chinese language courses at Williams College

While any student who meets the above basic requirements is eligible to apply, priority will be given to seniors, Chinese or Asian Studies majors, and those students who have taken Chinese language through the 400 level. In the case of rising juniors who wish to go to China for junior year abroad, it is important to coordinate with Dean McKeon, Coordinator of International Education Programs, concerning accredited schools in China and the minimum number of class hours weekly that is required in order for credit to be granted.

To apply for the scholarship, please prepare and print out a one-page statement in English and place in Professor Cecilia Chang's mailbox in the Hollander Hall Faculty Mailroom by **Monday, February 28**. In the statement, discuss your reasons for applying and how studying in China relates to your future study and career plans. The faculty members in the Chinese Program expect to identify a top candidate by the beginning of Spring Recess. At that time, the candidate selected will fill out a formal application, which must be forwarded to the Consulate General of People's Republic of China in New York by April 1st. The scholarship award will be formally announced by the China Scholarship Council on July 31, 2011. Students who have questions about the scholarship should contact Professor Chang via e-mail at **cchang@williams.edu**.