

THE COMPLETE ELIGIBILITY TOOLKIT

For Scholarships July Intake 2026



How to use this checklist

1 Pre-Application

Review the 5 destination sections below. Tick the ones that match your subject and budget.

2 Check eligibility

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3 Gather documents

Use the master document checklist on the last page to prepare everything before applying.

4 JULY 2026 INTAKE

Each destination card shows the current deadline status. Mark your calendar immediately.

5 Book your free counselling call

Contact Gradstar Global for a free profile evaluation. Our team responds within 24 hours.

Eligibility score guide

Ticked Boxes	What It Means	Next Step
5 or more	Strong candidate	Apply immediately
3/4/2026	Good fit - minor gaps	Consult Gradstar to close gaps
1/2/2026	Early stage	Consider preparation before applying

Destination scholarships

July / September 2026 intake



China



New Zealand



Finland



Germany



Europe

China

Deadline : March–June 2026 OPEN

Key scholarships:

Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC) – fully funded; Confucius Institute Scholarship – tuition + living; Zhejiang Province Govt Scholarship; Xi'an Jiaotong University merit award; University of Science & Technology China award.

Eligibility basics:

Age under 35 (UG) / 45 (PhD)

- Min 60% in last qualification
- No criminal record certificate
- Medical fitness certificate
- Not currently holding a Chinese Govt scholarship
- MBBS applicants: Biology + Chemistry at 12th level

Important: Most programs are English-taught at the postgraduate level. Mandarin is not required for admission but enhances career prospects.

New Zealand

Deadline : April-May 2026 OPEN

Key scholarships:

New Zealand Excellence Awards (partial); University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship; Lincoln University International Scholarship; Massey Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (50% tuition).

Eligibility basics:

- Min 65% aggregate in the qualifying degree
- IELTS 6.0+ overall (or equivalent)
- Not a NZ citizen or permanent resident
- Applied to a full-time degree programme
- Research students: confirmed supervisor for doctoral award

Important: *July intake applications are live. Post-study work visa allows up to 3 years. Strong Indian community in Auckland and Wellington.*

Finland

Deadline : April 2026 CLOSING SOON

Key scholarships:

University of Helsinki tuition fee waiver (50-100%); Aalto University scholarship – partial/full tuition; Tampere University tuition waiver; LUT University scholarship (energy & sustainability).

Eligibility basics:

- Bachelor's degree with a strong academic record
- IELTS 6.0+ / TOEFL 80+ (varies by university)
- Non-EU/EEA international student status
- Applied to an eligible Master's programme
- Scholarship application submitted with the admission app

Important: Finnish universities charge non-EU tuition of EUR 8,000–15,000/year; waiver covers most or all of this. Part-time work up to 25 hrs/week permitted.

Germany & Europe

Deadline : May–June 2026 OPEN

Key scholarships:

Deutschlandstipendium (LMU Munich) – EUR 300/month stipend; DAAD EPOS Scholarship – postgrad, development fields; International Ambassador Scholarship (Heidelberg); Holland Scholarship – EUR 5,000 one-time (Netherlands); Govt of Ireland International Education Scholarship; Eiffel Excellence Scholarship (France) – engineering/econ.

Eligibility basics:

- Admission to a recognised German/European university
- IELTS 6.0+ OR Medium of Instruction (MOI) certificate
- Blocked account of approx EUR 11,208 for the Germany visa
- Valid health insurance for a visa application
- Strong academic record (typically 70%+)

Important: Public German universities charge only a semester fee of EUR 150–350 – effectively free tuition. The MOI certificate is accepted instead of IELTS at many institutions.

Master document checklist

prepare before you apply

Academic documents:

- **Official academic transcripts (all years):** Get attested/apostilled copies – processing takes 2–4 weeks.
- **Degree certificate / provisional certificate:** Required for completed degrees.
- **12th mark sheet (for UG applicants).**
- **Medium of Instruction (MOI) certificate:** Accepted by German universities instead of IELTS. Get from your college registrar.

Identity & legal:

- **Valid passport:** Must cover your entire study period. Renew now if expiry is within 18 months.
- **Passport-size photographs (recent):** Check each university's specification – usually white background.
- **No-objection certificate (if currently employed).**
- **Police clearance / no criminal record certificate:** Required for the Chinese Government Scholarship.

English language proof:

- **IELTS result (band 6.0+ for most scholarships).**
- **TOEFL iBT score (80+ typically required).**
- **PTE Academic score (if accepted by your chosen university).**
- **MOI certificate (alternative for Germany):** Signed and stamped by your institution's registrar.

Application documents:

- **Statement of Purpose / Personal Statement:** Tailor for each university – never reuse the same SOP.
- **Two or three Letters of Recommendation:** Give referees at least 3 weeks' notice.
- **Updated CV/Resume (academic format):** Include publications, internships, and volunteer work.
- **Research Proposal:** Required for PhD and research Master's programmes.

Financial & visa documents:

- **Blocked account proof (Germany – EUR 11,208):** Open via Fintiba or Deutsche Bank. Takes 2–3 weeks.
- **Bank statements (last 6 months):** Required for visa applications across most countries.
- **Scholarship offer letter (once received):** Attach to visa application to strengthen your case.
- **Health insurance certificate:** Mandatory for Germany, Finland, and New Zealand visas.

Deadline quick reference

July / September 2026

Destination	Scholarship	Deadline	Status
China	Chinese Govt Scholarship (CSC)	March–April 2026	OPEN
China	Confucius Institute Scholarship	March–May 2026	OPEN

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New Zealand	NZ Excellence Awards	April-May 2026	OPEN
New Zealand	Auckland Doctoral Scholarship	Rolling	OPEN
Finland	Aalto University Scholarship	April 2026	CLOSING SOON
Finland	University of Helsinki Waiver	April 2026	CLOSING SOON
Germany	Deutschlandstipendium (LMU)	May-June 2026	OPEN
Netherlands	Holland Scholarship	May 1, 2026	VERIFY NOW
Ireland	Govt of Ireland Int'l Scholarship	May 2026	OPEN

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