

The Global Student Guide to a Master's in China

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China is becoming one of the smartest study destinations for Indian students pursuing a master's degree.

Why Indian Students Are Choosing China in 2026

- World-ranked universities with strong global recognition
- Affordable tuition compared to the UK, Australia, and Canada
- Generous scholarships for international students
- English-taught master's programs
- Strong career opportunities in AI, engineering, finance, business, and research

For many Indian students, China offers a better ROI than traditional study destinations.



Best Universities in China for Indian Students

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

Best for : Engineering, AI, Robotics, Architecture

PEKING UNIVERSITY

Best for : Economics, Law, Computer Science, Research

FUDAN UNIVERSITY

Best for : Engineering, AI, Robotics, Architecture

ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY

Best for : Engineering, MBBS, Finance, China Studies

SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY

Best for : Engineering, Data Science, Medicine

Best Courses in China in 2026

Indian students are choosing China mainly for high-demand, career-focused programs.



Artificial Intelligence



Computer Science



Robotics Engineering



Data Science



MBA & Finance



Supply Chain Management



Biotechnology



International Relations



MBBS in China



Tip: Courses connected to technology and AI currently receive the strongest scholarship support.

Scholarships Every Indian Student Should Know

Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC)

China's biggest fully funded scholarship.

- Full tuition fees
- Accommodation
- Medical insurance
- Monthly stipend

Average Monthly Stipend:
CNY 3,000 for master's students.

University Scholarships

Many universities offer additional scholarships based on:

- Academic performance
- IELTS score
- Research background
- Interview performance

Popular universities with strong scholarship opportunities

- [Zhejiang University](#)
- [Ningbo University](#)
- [NUFE](#)
- Wuhan University

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Estimated Costs for Indian Students

TOP UNIVERSITIES:

₹3-5 lakh/year

MID-RANGE UNIVERSITIES:

₹2-3 lakh/year

Monthly Living Costs

Beijing & Shanghai
₹50,000-75,000/month

Nanjing, Wuhan, Ningbo
₹30,000-50,000/month

Students with CSC scholarships can often cover most daily expenses using the monthly stipend.

Can You Study in China Without IELTS?

Yes.

Many Chinese universities accept:

- MOI (Medium of Instruction) certificates
- English-medium bachelor's degrees from India

However, IELTS can strengthen scholarship chances.

Student Visa Checklist (X1 Visa)

Required documents:

- Valid passport
- Admission letter
- JW202/JW201 form
- Passport photos
- Medical certificate
- Visa application form

Apply as early as possible after receiving admission confirmation

Best Time to Apply

September 2026 Intake

Recommended Timeline:

- Start research: From January 2026
- Scholarship applications: March 2026
- Admission results: May-July 2026
- Visa process: July-August 2026

Students applying early usually have better scholarship opportunities.

Documents Required for Admission

- Passport
- Bachelor's degree certificate
- Academic transcripts
- IELTS/TOEFL score (if required)
- Statement of Purpose (SOP)
- Two recommendation letters
- Updated CV
- Medical examination form

Important: Most universities require notarised English translations.

Common Mistakes Indian Students Make

Applying Too Late

Scholarship deadlines close earlier than university deadlines.

Weak SOPs

A poorly written SOP reduces both admission and scholarship chances.

Ignoring City Costs

Shanghai and Beijing are significantly more expensive.

Random University Selection

Choose universities strategically based on career goals and scholarship fit.

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Is China Worth It?

China is not simply a “**budget alternative.**”

For students focused on:

- Technology
- Research
- AI
- International business
- Engineering
- Asia-focused careers

...it can actually be a strategic advantage.

The key is applying early, targeting the right universities, and building a strong scholarship application.



How Gradstar Global Helps

Gradstar Global supports students with:

- University shortlisting
- Scholarship guidance
- SOP & document support
- Visa assistance
- MBBS counselling
- Pre-departure guidance

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