

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
AND
THE CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL

The China Scholarship Council (hereafter CSC) and The University of British Columbia (hereafter UBC), in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit and through friendly negotiation, hereby agree to establish a collaborative arrangement for the purposes of providing high quality research training to qualified students and postdoctoral fellows from Chinese universities with the aim of developing education and research collaborations between UBC and Chinese universities.

1. **Program overview:** CSC and UBC agree to collaborate on the following two categories of programs:

- 1.1 **Graduate Programs** Selected Chinese students will enrol in a designated doctoral (PhD) program at UBC and undertake study. If the selected Chinese students successfully complete the requirements of the designated program and defend their dissertation, they will be conferred degrees by UBC.

- 1.2 **Postdoctoral Fellows** Selected Chinese postdoctoral fellows can be accepted to UBC programs for postdoctoral training. The trainees will directly contact their prospective supervisor for admission.

Applicants undertaking doctoral programs will be prioritized.

2. **Fields of Cooperation:** CSC and UBC will support the following areas of study with priority: Energy, Resources, Environment, Agriculture, Manufacture, Information Technology, Life Science, Biomedical Sciences and Public Health, Space Study, Maritime Study, Nanotechnology, New Materials, Food and Land Resources, Business and Management, Humanities and Applied Social Sciences.

3. **Entry criteria:**

- (1) Candidates will be citizens and permanent residents of the People's Republic of China at the time of application;

- (2) Candidates must not be currently working or studying abroad;

(3) Successful candidates must return to China upon completion of their studies and/or research;

(4) Candidates must hold an unconditional offer letter to a graduate or postdoctoral research program at UBC. They must therefore fulfill the relevant academic entry requirements set by UBC, including a high level of English language proficiency;

(5) Candidates should be intending to pursue study/research in one of the priority academic areas identified by UBC and CSC. However, applicants to other study/research areas will also be considered. The support academic areas are also subject to the availability of relevant programs of study at UBC;

(6) Candidate should satisfy the selection criteria set out by CSC by completing the CSC Application Form and the CSC Employer Reference Form at <http://apply.csc.edu.cn/>.

4. Application and selection process:

(1) Candidates should directly apply for admission to UBC before the application deadline set by UBC. Candidate should specify in their application that they apply for the UBC/CSC joint scholarship scheme;

(2) UBC will evaluate the candidates, and decide which candidates are admissible to its programs. By March 20th each year, UBC will provide CSC and each qualified candidate with a copy of an offer letter. Offer letters should be unconditional in terms of academic performance and English language capability. For doctoral candidates, the offer should also clarify that UBC will offer each candidate a fellowship (TA, RA or others) equivalent to tuition fee, subject to them getting CSC's support;

(3) After receiving an offer letter from UBC, candidates must also apply to CSC for funding by completing an application for funding and employer reference (forms are available online at <http://apply.csc.edu.cn>). A hard copy of the signed CSC Application Form along the completed CSC Employer Reference Form, a copy of the full application to UBC (including other supporting documents such as communications with the supervisor), and a copy of an unconditional offer letter from UBC must be submitted to CSC through CSC's application agencies by March 20th each year.

(4) CSC will evaluate the candidates according to CSC requirements and priorities, and provide UBC with a final list of scholarship recipients and inform the successful candidates. The chosen candidates must then register as a UBC doctoral student or postdoctoral researcher.

5. Funding model:

5.1 For doctoral students, UBC will consider applicants for a fellowship (TA, RA or others) equivalent to the tuition fee and CSC will consider applicants for an annual living allowance (which includes Overseas Student Health Cover), a return airfare to Vancouver by the most economical route, and visa application fees. The annual living allowance for each student from CSC is prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government and UBC graduate programs will supplement the living allowance to a minimum of CAD 20,000 per year, in addition to its fellowship (TA, RA or others) equivalent to the tuition fee for each doctoral student. CSC will entrust the Education Office of the Consulate General of P.R. China in Vancouver to distribute the living allowance to each student. The funding for each doctoral candidate will be up to 48 months.

5.2 For postdoctoral fellows, CSC will provide the postdoctoral award as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government (which includes Overseas Student Health Cover), a return airfare to Vancouver by the most economical route, and visa application fees. In addition to CSC's award, UBC postdoctoral supervisors will provide matching funds at a minimum level of CAD 15,600 per year for each postdoctoral trainee. UBC reserves the right to top-up stipends to postdoctoral fellows in accordance with granting agency practice. The funding for each postdoctoral fellow will be for 3-12 months.

6. Supervision of trainees: UBC will provide graduate and postdoctoral supervisors for trainees. Wherever possible, co-supervision between UBC and the Chinese universities from which the trainees come will be encouraged. This is seen as a channel for the development of long-term research collaboration between UBC and Chinese Universities, which both CSC and UBC embrace as a long-term goal.

7. Best endeavors: Both CSC and UBC commit to making every administrative and faculty effort to ensure the success of this collaboration. Based on the successful running of the initial program, both parties will actively pursue the

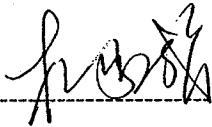
possibility of strengthening collaborative ties more broadly across disciplines and institutional partnerships and developing additional programs in the future.

8. **Agreement duration and review:** The Agreement of Cooperation shall become effective for 3 years in the first instance, commencing from the date of the signing of this agreement. The proposed date of the first intake of students and postdoctoral fellows is September 2008. It may be terminated by either party giving six months notice of its intention to do so. The Agreement of Cooperation will be reviewed during its third year of operation. If both sides concur, it will be renewed for a further 3 years. In the event the program is discontinued, students and postdoctoral fellows admitted under the program will continue to receive support at the levels and for the time periods stipulated above.
9. **Additional activity and dispute resolution:** This Agreement of Cooperation can be modified and added to by the mutual consent of the both parties. Matters not included in the Agreement of Cooperation, but directly related to it, may be addressed by the mutual agreement of the parties. Any such agreement must be appended to this Agreement of Cooperation and become valid upon the date of signing. Both parties commit to resolving any disputes on the terms of this Agreement of Cooperation by seeking friendly, mutually acceptable resolutions.

This Agreement of Cooperation shall be written in English and in Chinese. Each version has two officially duplicated copies. Both English version and Chinese version are equally binding.

Signed for:

The China Scholarship Council




Name:

Title:

Dated: Nov. 11, 2007

The University of British Columbia



Name: Stephen J. Toope

Title: President and Vice-Chancellor

Dated: 19 November 2007.