Detailed information for potential PhD students, post-docs, and visiting scholars within KI-CSC scholarship program:

From October, 2018 through February, 2019, prospective doctoral students, post-docs, and visiting scholars should identify and contact potential KI supervisors or hosts according to their research interests from, but not limited to, the list of KI hosts published at CSC website. The list contains hosts’ names, emails, and description of research projects.

**PhD students** contact potential supervisors. The potential KI supervisor is, together with the student, responsible for the evaluation of feasibility of the potential doctoral education at KI. (KI supervisors for doctoral students must have obtained a Green Light for the recruitment of a CSC scholarship-funded doctoral student in the 2019 call) To be admitted for doctoral education at KI, the prospective PhD student must fulfil the relevant academic entry requirements set by KI, including the required level of English language proficiency (TOEFL 90 IBT, ≥20 on the written section; or IELTS 6.5, no section below 5.5; details on eligibility assessment at [http://ki.se/en/education/entry-requirements-eligibility-for-doctoral-education](http://ki.se/en/education/entry-requirements-eligibility-for-doctoral-education)). For visiting PhD students who already are admitted for Doctoral studies at a Chinese university, there is no official eligibility assessment.

Important notes: The master degree students graduating in the year of CSC scholarship application and the master degree holders graduated within 1 year are both eligible for CSC scholarship application for doctoral studies. Moreover, KI-registered doctoral students originally from mainland China and within the first year of doctoral study registration are also eligible for CSC scholarship application, albeit a successful application will be granted a scholarship of 36 months but not 48 months.

If a mutual agreement is reached, the supervisor issues a letter of invitation together with a detailed research plan for the research training (usually 2-4 pages) before the end of February, 2018. Importantly, the invitation letter must be co-signed by the head of department and a copy of the signed letter of invitation must be sent to KI international office for documentation and for KI’s endorsement to CSC. CSC will only consider applicants with invitation letters included in the official KI endorsement list. The letter must follow the template which will be provided on the KI home page. The letter is issued preconditioned of a successful application of CSC scholarship, and of fulfilling the requirements of Karolinska Institutet for entry into the 4-year PhD program as well as a successful application to doctoral studies ([http://ki.se/en/education/entry-requirements-eligibility-for-doctoral-education](http://ki.se/en/education/entry-requirements-eligibility-for-doctoral-education), [https://ki.se/en/staff/admission-to-doctoral-education-at-ki](https://ki.se/en/staff/admission-to-doctoral-education-at-ki))
• **Prospective Post-docs and visiting scholars** contact potential KI hosts. The potential KI host is, together with the potential postdoc or visiting scholar, responsible for the evaluation of feasibility of the postdoc training or visiting research at KI. The prospective supervisor must have obtained an approval of the recruitment from the department. If a mutual agreement is reached, the supervisor will issue a letter of invitation together with a detailed plan for the research training, usually 2-4 pages, before the end of February, 2019. Importantly, the invitation letter must be co-signed by the head of department and a copy of the letter of invitation must be sent to KI international office for documentation and for KI’s endorsement to CSC. CSC will only consider applicants with invitation letters included in the official KI endorsement list. The letter must follow the template which will be provided on the KI home page.

• Important notes: If the prospective visiting researcher is currently employed, it is important for the applicant to obtain an approval from their employer for their application for CSC scholarships before setting up an application with a KI host. Furthermore, CSC only accepts post-doc scholarship application approved by the Chinese employer of the applicant. Unemployed applicants for post-doc are not considered.

**All prospective Chinese applicants**

A CSC scholarship application includes two parts, an online application and a hardcopy application. With the letter of invitation and a research plan (for PhD students, post-docs, and visiting scholars) or the letter of admission (for master degree students), the applicants submit their online applications for CSC scholarships at the CSC website during March 10-31 2019. Afterwards, the applicants submit their hardcopy applications with all required documents to their own universities/institutions for institutional approval. Upon approval, the universities/institutions should mail the hardcopies of all application materials to CSC as soon as possible, to ensure that the CSC could receive the complete applications by end of March 2019. **It is important to note that all applications should be submitted under the category of CSC-KI collaborative project (国家留学基金委与卡罗林斯卡医学院合作项目), and that all the applications (i.e., post-docs, visiting scholars, doctoral and master students all together) should be submitted and received by CSC by 31 March 2019! a specific application period for the institutions with a collaboration agreement with CSC.**

For the applicants who presently are in Sweden, you can submit your applications through Education Section of the Chinese Embassy in Stockholm.