



## The ANSO Scholarship for Young Talents

### 2020 Call for Applications

#### **Introduction**

Alliance of International Science Organizations (ANSO) was initiated and established by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and other 36 scientific institutes as well as international organizations worldwide. ANSO was founded to improve regional and global capacity in science and technology, human livelihoods and wellbeing, and to promote broader S&T cooperation and communication. According to the ANSO Strategic Plan, the ANSO Scholarship for Young Talents (hereinafter referred to as *the ANSO Scholarship*) is launched for the training and cultivation of young scientists from all over the world.

The ANSO Scholarship provides young students/scholars who are non-Chinese citizens an opportunity to pursue postgraduate education at the colleges or schools of the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS) or institutes of CAS around China. It consists of 2 programs: the master program and the PhD program. Every year, up to 200 master students and 300 PhD students from all over the world will be sponsored to study in CAS.

Awardees will receive a monthly stipend from CAS through USTC/UCAS. Specifically, master awardees will receive a monthly stipend of RMB 3000, while PhD awardees will receive a monthly stipend of RMB 6000 or RMB 7000 depending on whether he/she has passed the qualification test arranged by USTC/UCAS for all doctoral candidates after admission. All the awardees will also be provided with health insurance as well as tuition and application fee waivers. A certain amount of travel subsidy from their home countries to China will be provided to the awardees in order to begin the scholarship in China (one trip only per person). Any scholarship awardee on site in China, the host country, at the time of application will NOT be eligible for any travel subsidy.

Any master awardee who fails annual assessments will face the consequence including:

- Termination of his/her scholarship;
- Discontinuity of his/her master study.

Any PhD awardee who fails the qualification test or annual assessments will face the consequences including:

- Termination of his/her scholarship;
- Discontinuity of his/her doctoral study;
- Being provided with a certificate of attendance for the period of study undertaken in China but not



a formal doctoral degree.

The funding duration for master awardees is up to 36 months, while for PhD awardees is up to 48 months, both with NO EXTENSION. Awardees have to finish centralized training in Chinese language, Chinese culture and all required credits as well as practical research and completion of degree thesis at colleges and schools of USTC/UCAS or CAS institutes.

All the awardees are required to abide by Chinese laws and USTC/UCAS regulations and rules.

### **General conditions for applicants:**

Applicants must:

- Not hold Chinese citizenship;
- Provide proof of proficiency of English or Chinese language;
- For master program applicants: be maximum age of 30 years on 31 December 2020;  
For PhD program applicants: be maximum age of 35 years on 31 December 2020;
- Meet the admission criteria for international students of USTC/UCAS;
- Not take up other assignments during the period of his/her scholarship.

#### **Please note:**

- Applicants currently pursuing master degrees at any university/institution in China are NOT eligible for the master program of this scholarship. Applicants currently pursuing doctoral degrees at any university/institution in China are NOT eligible for the PhD program of this scholarship.
- Applicants CANNOT apply for both UCAS and USTC simultaneously.
- Applicants can ONLY apply to ONE supervisor from ONE institute/school at either UCAS or USTC.

### **Step by Step Guideline**

In order to successfully apply for the ANSO Scholarship, applicants are requested to follow a few key steps that are indicated below:

#### **1. CHECK ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

You should verify that you are eligible and meet ALL the eligibility criteria specified in the “General conditions for applicants” section of this call.

#### **2. FIND AN ELIGIBLE HOST SUPERVISOR AFFILIATED WITH COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OF USTC/UCAS, OR CAS INSTITUTES THAT AGREES TO ACCEPT YOU.**

See [here](#) for a list of eligible schools/institutes and supervisors of USTC and [here](#) of UCAS.

Once you find an eligible professor of your interest, you must contact him/her, send an explanatory e-



mail together with your CV, research proposal and any other required documents to him/her, and indicate that you wish to apply for the master/PhD program of the ANSO Scholarship.

### **3. FILE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND ADMISSION APPLICATION VIA THE ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEMS.**

A. Visit ANSO [official website](#) for the ANSO Scholarship online application system. Please create your own account, and fill in the basic information. The system will lead you to the admission application system of USTC/UCAS.

B. Prepare the following supporting documentation:

- 1) Copy of your regular passport which has at least 2 years validity (only pages showing personal and validity details are needed);
- 2) Complete CV with a brief introduction of research experience;
- 3) Original copy of the certificate of university degrees held
  - For master program applicants: Bachelor's degree certificate. Applicants having just completed or about to complete their Bachelor degree should provide an official pre-graduation certificate showing their student status and stating their expected graduation date;
  - For PhD program applicants: both Bachelor's and Master's degree certificates; Applicants having just completed or about to complete their degree should provide an official pre-graduation certificate showing their student status and stating the expected graduation date.
- 4) Original copy of transcripts of
  - For master program applicants: undergraduate education;
  - For PhD program applicants: both undergraduate and post-graduate education.
- 5) TWO reference letters:

You must ask two referees (NOT the host supervisor) from academia familiar with you and your work to upload their scanned reference letters (written in English or Chinese, signed, dated and on official headed paper with contact phone number and email address) to the online admission system of USTC/UCAS.

**Reference letters in the body of e-mails will NOT be accepted!**
- 6) Detailed research proposal;
- 7) Photocopies of all the title pages and abstracts of maximum 5 published academic papers (if available);
- 8) Proof of knowledge of English and/or Chinese;
- 9) Foreigner Physical Examination Form (**Attachment 1**)



C. Visit the [USTC online admission system](#) or [UCAS online admission system](#). Follow its instructions and upload all the above-mentioned supporting documentation.

**Please note:**

1. All the above supporting documentation must be in English or Chinese, otherwise notarial translations in English or Chinese are required.
2. Make sure the electronic version of supporting documentation is in the right format as requested for the online application system.
3. If you are awarded the scholarship and are admitted by USTC/UCAS, you **MUST** present the original hard copies of required degree certificates, transcripts AND regular passport to USTC/UCAS scholarship office upon your arrival in China, otherwise you will be disqualified.

**4. REMIND YOUR SUPERVISOR TO COMPLETE THE SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT PROCEDURE BEFORE DEADLINE.**

- For USTC applicants, please ask your supervisor to email the scanned copy of the supervisor's comment page to [anso@ustc.edu.cn](mailto:anso@ustc.edu.cn).
- For UCAS applicants, please ask your supervisor to visit the [UCAS online admission system](#) and finish the required procedure which will be instructed in an email automatically sent to your supervisor by the system immediately after your application materials pass the preliminary review by the institute/college he or she is affiliated with.

**Deadline for submitting all material and applications (Extended):**

**31 April 2020**

**Where to enquire and submit application**

1) Applicants for USTC, please contact:  
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## Relevant information

**ANSO** (Alliance of International Science Organizations) is a non-profit and non-governmental international scientific organization founded in 2018 by 37 international science and education institutions from around the world. ANSO came into being under the principles of “Extensive Consultation, Joint Contribution and Shared Benefits” championed by the Belt and Road Initiative. ANSO is committed to promoting shared sustainable development and the advancement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through catalyzing and implementing concrete international cooperative initiatives in Science, Technology, Innovation and Capacity Building (STIC). It is envisaged that ANSO will focus on the most urgent regional and global challenges through STIC. This focus includes supporting scientific capacity building and the needs, particularly of the Global South, through partnerships and cooperation with the member countries and institutions. ANSO will also promote collaborations across the scientific and technological communities of the world to ensure that the benefits of the BRI are widely shared. There will be open access to scientific facilities and information among participants in ANSO. The grooming and empowerment of young scientists will be a particular focus of ANSO. The ANSO Scholarship is one of the main approaches to achieve this goal.

**Read more about ANSO:** <http://www.anso.org.cn>

**CAS** is a national academic institution in China consisting of a comprehensive research and development network, a merit-based learned society and a system of higher education, focusing on natural sciences, technological sciences and high-tech innovation in China. It has 12 branches, 2 universities and more than 100 institutes with around 60,000 staff and 50,000 postgraduate students. It hosts 89 national key labs, 172 CAS key labs, 30 national engineering research centers and about 1,000 field stations throughout China. As a merit-based society, it has five academic divisions. CAS is



dedicated to addressing fundamental, strategic and farsighted challenges related to the overall and long-term development of China. CAS is the leading and founding member of ANSO.

**Read more about CAS:** <http://english.cas.cn/>

USTC is the first university established by the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 1958. It is a comprehensive university including science, engineering, management and humanity science, oriented to frontier science and high technology. USTC took the lead in launching Graduate School, the School of Gifted Young, large national scientific projects, etc. It is now a prominent Chinese university and enjoys high reputation worldwide, and therefore is the member of the China 9 Consortium consisting of the top 9 universities in China ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C9\\_League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C9_League)). USTC is one of the most important innovation centers in China, and is regarded as “the Cradle of Scientific Elites”. USTC provides both undergraduate and postgraduate programs. There are 20 faculties, 31 departments, graduate school, and Suzhou Institute, Shanghai Institute, Beijing Institute, Institute of Advanced Technology, and the First Affiliated Hospital of USTC. According to the world acclaimed university rankings as QS, THE, USNews, and ARWU, USTC has always been ranked among the best universities in China (from 5th to 3rd), and around 100th in the world. USTC is responsible for the enrollment and management of the master and doctoral candidates of the ANSO Scholarship Programme admitted by USTC.

**Read more about USTC:** <http://en.ustc.edu.cn/>

UCAS, formerly named Graduate School of CAS, was the first graduate school in China. In 2014, UCAS started enrolling undergraduate students, and since then an intact higher educational system has been established. Being the largest graduate education institution in China, UCAS has over 40,000 ongoing students, and more than half of them are doctoral students. With strong support from CAS institutes all over China, UCAS espouses the philosophy of "The Fusion of Scientific Research and Teaching" as its basic system of education. The disciplines represented at UCAS include all fields of science and 90% engineering. According to the Global University Ranking by Essential Science Indicator (ESI) in September 2019, UCAS ranked No. 1 in China and No. 82 worldwide. As a member of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU), UCAS has established close ties with over 100 world-renowned universities. Based on CAS overseas institutions, UCAS is building overseas joint centers for education and research to promote capacity building on B&R. UCAS is responsible for the enrollment and management of the master and doctoral candidates of the ANSO Scholarship Programme admitted by UCAS.

**Read more about UCAS:** <http://english.ucas.ac.cn/>