

Opportunities for Chinese students to do PhD research in The Netherlands

There is an attractive possibility for talented master graduates of China to get a scholarship for PhD research within the Netherlands. The Dutch NSF (called NOW) has set up a program with the China Scholarship Council (CSC), which provides the grants. For a description of this program, see http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP_883AEK_Eng . For more information on the whole procedure, see the first enclosed file. In that file, you can also find a list of 60 Chinese universities where applicants should (have) obtain(ed) their master degree before September 1, 2011 (Tsinghua is one of them, of course). The application procedure consists of two steps. In the first step, an applicant (the student) has to submit a research plan and has to denote within which Dutch graduate school (s)he wants to do her PhD research. This graduate school has to be one of the 20 selected schools. The Beta research school on Operations Management and Logistics (a collaboration of the Eindhoven University of Technology and the University of Twente; see also <http://beta.ieis.tue.nl/>) is one of them. Beta has 6 research programmes (see second enclosed file). If an applicant selects Beta as the place where to do the PhD program, then also one of these 6 research programmes have to be denoted.

If a student is selected, then (s)he gets a scholarship for 48 months (4 years). One will get 1200 Euro per month to cover all costs. Costs consist mainly of costs of housing and costs of living (students do not have to pay tuition to Beta). Doing the PhD project within Beta implies that one follows PhD courses (with a total workload of 960 hours) and that one does supervised research.

I would like to ask you to forward this information to students who belong to the top of their school and who are interested in doing a PhD project within the Beta research school.

If you or one of your contacts has further information, then please let me know.

I place Ivo and Onno on Cc, so that they know that you are informed about this program (Ivo and Onno are also within Beta, so students can also apply for the programme that they are part of).

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