



**JOINT DOCTORAL PROGRAMME UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE VALÈNCIA (UPV) – CHINA
SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL (CSC) 2026**

**CALL:
Terms and Conditions**

Internationalization Service

Universitat Politècnica de València

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The Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV), in collaboration with the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC), opens this call to create a preliminary list of at least 10 Chinese students interested in carrying out their full doctoral studies at the UPV, within the framework of the agreement signed between the UPV and the CSC. According to the agreement, the UPV will exempt the selected doctoral candidates from the enrolment fees. The CSC will provide a monthly allowance (including medical insurance) for the duration of the thesis and a round-trip economy class plane ticket.

1. Participating PhD Programmes

The five UPV Doctoral Programmes participating in this call are the following:

1. PhD Programme in Telecommunications
2. PhD Programme in Industrial Engineering and Production
3. PhD Programme in Automation, Robotics and Industrial Computing
4. PhD Programme in Computer Science
5. PhD Programme in Design, Manufacturing and Management of Industrial Projects

The quality of the applications received will be taken into account for the distribution among programmes

2. Candidate requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Have Chinese nationality
2. Be in possession of a Master's degree or equivalent before September 15, 2026
3. Meet the admission requirements of the PhD programme to which they are applying
4. Have a level of English or Spanish equivalent to B2 or higher
5. Meet the requirements set by the CSC for the funding of doctoral studies abroad

Applicants are obliged to return to China once they have completed their studies.

3. Application Process

Interested candidates must complete this form (URL to be confirmed on 25/01/2026) before February 20, 2026, linking a single zip file with the following documents:

1. Curriculum Vitae, using the form provided
2. List of selected thesis projects, using the form provided
3. Copy of passport
4. Degree: Degree and academic record (the transcript must include the grade point average)
5. Master's degree: Degree, academic record (the transcript must include the grade point average)
If the master's degree is not yet completed, a certificate issued by your current university confirming that your current studies give access to a doctorate and that you will be eligible to graduate in September 2026 may be submitted
6. Language proficiency certificates (Spanish or English)
7. A letter of motivation for each of the selected thesis projects

All documentation must be in English.

For candidates who submit academic records that do not include an average grade, an average grade of 5 out of 10 will be taken.

4. Selection Committee

The selection committee will be made up of:

- The Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Communication of the UPV
- Each of the four Academic Coordinators of the PhD programmes mentioned in the first section
- The secretary of the Doctoral School of the UPV
- The head of the Internationalisation Service of the UPV

6. Evaluation criteria

The prioritized list of candidates to be submitted to the CSC will be established based on the following criteria:

- Academic excellence: up to 50 points (20* average grade of bachelor's degree + 25* average grade of master's degree + up to 5 for scientific publications)
- Language competency in Spanish or English: up to 10 points (B2 5 points, C1 7.5 points, C2 10 points)
- Adequacy of the application profile: up to 10 points (to be assessed by the selection committee)
- Assessment of the candidate by the proposed thesis supervisor: up to 30 points (to be assessed by the thesis supervisor)

Applications from candidates whose academic profile does not correspond to that required by the PhD programme to which they are applying will not be evaluated.

6. Publication of results and subsequent application in the CSC

The UPV will publish the list of selected candidates at <https://www.upv.es/entidades/vic/en/csc-joint-scholarship-program/>, notify them individually and provide the list to the CSC before the CSC application period opens.

Candidates pre-selected by the UPV must submit their application to the CSC, complying with the specific deadlines and requirements of the CSC, see <http://www.csc.edu.cn>

The CSC will evaluate the proposed candidates according to their requirements and priorities and will provide the UPV with a final list of scholarship recipients, also informing them directly.