**MOFCOM ACADEMIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People’s Republic of China is designed to foster high-end business officials and managerial personnel for the recipient countries in 2008, offering one-year and two-year master programs as well as three-year doctoral programs for the purpose of educating high-end and inter-disciplinary talent working in the applied fields of government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture and health, building intellectual capacity and facilitating the economic and social development of the recipient countries. These programs provide assistance to governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel on their master and doctor education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor’s degree, relevant working experiences, and decent physical conditions, essential for the high-compact curriculum needed for the degrees.

These graduates are now working in their specialties back home and undertaking an increasingly significant role in the economic development cooperation between China and their home countries.

We believe that by attending the programs and achieving the degrees, you will embrace a successful career and brighter future.

1. **Enrollment numbers, start time and instruction language**

Enrollment numbers: see appendix.

Start time: September, 2019.

Instruction language: Scholarship winners must register for English-taught program if such program is available.

**II. Scholarship Coverage**

See admission notice by related universities.

**III. Where & When to Apply**

The Economic and Commercial Counselor’s Office (ECCO) of the Chinese Embassy in Madagascar will be open for application before **20 June 2019**.

**IV. Eligibility**

To be eligible, applicants must

-be a citizen of Madagascar, and be healthy both physically and mentally; not over 45 years old （born after September 1, 1974）.

-have attained a Bachelor’s degree or above, with three-year or above working experience.

-priorities will be given to applicants who have working or learning experience related to the major.

-be government officials at middle or senior level, or researchers or administrators of academic institutions at middle or senior level.

-have sufficient English proficiency which meets the academic requirements of the program. English: IETS 6.0 or above; Chinese; new TOEFL (score 80) or above.

-have the potential for career development in this field, and intend to promote friendly exchanges and cooperation between Madagascar and China

-students learning in China or have been admitted in other Chinese scholarship programs are **NOT allowed** to apply in this program

-meet specific requirements listed in admission notice by related universities

**V. Application procedures**

-Academic application (see attached admission notice of universities)

-Scholarship application

Please visit the online application system of Chinese Scholarship Council at http://laihua.csc.edu.cn, and register for an account. Select the program “Chinese Government Scholarship”, fill in all the required information, and an application form will come into being.

-Application Documents

Please scan the following materials IN ORDER into one document and ensure clarity.

1. Application form with a 2-inch photo and the applicant’s signature.

2. Personal statement of research (A minimum of 500 words in English).

3. Copies of bachelor’s degree certificate(s) and academic transcript(s).

4. Two recommendation letters from the applicant’s employers and/or professors. Telephone numbers and email addresses of the referees must be included in the letters.

5. Employment verification.

6. English proficiency certificates.

7.Copy of the passport page of personal information （Ordinary Passport for Private Affairs only）

**VI. Submit application**

Original and scanned copy of document **1,2,3 and the note verbale or recommendation letter from the employer** should be delivered to the Economic and Commercial Counselor’s Office.

Applicants need to state clearly whether they accept placement to other university when the first choice university scholarship is full.

**VII. Reminders:**

1. All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.

2. An original copy of degrees, transcripts, Foreigner Physical Examination Form and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification.

3. Applicants will get back all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and photocopies from the Economic and Commercial Counselor’s Office. If admitted, they must take the documents to China and submit them to the University during on registration in early September.

**-Incomplete or late material or not as required will not be processed or considered.**

-Fraud application material or not written in person will cause disqualification of applicants.

**VIII. Admission Notification**

1. Application documents will be reviewed by Admission Committee, and prior enrollment will be given to outstanding applicants.

2. Each applicant will be supported by the scholarship for one program only.

3.The universities or the Chinese Embassy will send the Admission Letter and Visa Application Form for Study in China （JW201） to the scholarship winners.

4. If a successful applicant fails to register for the programs **before the deadline**, the entitlement to the scholarship will be canceled.