

British Chevening Scholarships

INFORMATION FOR REFEREES

The scholarship scheme of the United Kingdom Foreign & Commonwealth Office

The British Chevening Scholarships programme for China is one of the most prestigious schemes available from the British Government that enables Chinese nationals to receive further educational training in Britain.

Scholarships will be offered for a period of not more than one year, normally commencing in September/October.

Competition for places is intense and candidates must meet a number of criteria:

- Potential for managerial or policy-making responsibility - Chevening graduates must be capable of 'real achievement' in a senior role in sectors of government, industry, commerce, finance, law, education, science and technology and culture.
- Motivation - The programme is demanding both mentally and physically. Chevening scholars must either successfully complete a Masters course in not more than 12 months or complete all objectives of the proposed research.
- Experience - Desirable - 5 years plus, Essential - minimum 3 years.
- Qualifications - Students normally have a good first degree and/or professional qualifications. We accept a small number of exceptional students without prior formal qualifications.

Our selection procedure to assess candidates' attributes is complex and comprehensive. It involves two references: one academic and one business based, a formal individual interview with a British Embassy desk officer and a whole morning of written and verbal tests, as well as a detailed scrutiny of the applicant's career and achievements.

Any information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence.

BRITISH CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME FOR CHINA CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM

To the Applicant (please print)

Family Name

First Name(s) Date of Birth

Please send this form to your referee.

To the Referee

The person named above is applying to the British Chevening Scholarships programme for China and we would appreciate your help in assessing the suitability of the applicant for this programme. Information supplied by referees provides an important input into the selection process.

When you have completed this form, please send it back to the applicant. Your help in dealing with this reference promptly will be greatly appreciated. We will not invite the applicant to interview until we have received this reference form.

Name of referee

Organisation Position

How long have you known the applicant (years)?

When did you last have regular contact with the applicant?

Describe the capacity in which you knew the applicant

Is the applicant still with your organisation? YES/NO If not, when did he/she leave?

Please detail any personal circumstances which might affect the applicant's performance on an intensive and demanding programme

Describe the applicant's strengths and weaknesses.

Please comment on any task, project or other situation in which the applicant has been involved which may demonstrate his or her potential as a manager or responsible team member.

Please rank the applicant on the following scales, where 5 is above average and 1 is below average.

	1	2	3	4	5	Not Known
Leadership Potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perseverance and motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional maturity and stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Verbal communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Finally, please comment on the rankings which you have given and on any other factors which you believe should be drawn to the attention of the British Embassy Selection Committee in assessing the suitability of this candidate for the British Chevening Scholarships programme for China.

Signed Dated

THANK YOU FOR GIVING YOUR TIME TO COMPLETE THIS REFERENCE FORM