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2026 Prospectus
Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine
Doctoral Degree Program for International Students

1. Major

There are two models for the Doctoral Degree Program in Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SHUTCM): full time and part time. The Part-time Doctoral Degree Programs are available only for the student of collaborative schools with International Education College, SHUTCM. The instruction language is Chinese or English. Some courses can be taught in Japanese¹.

For detailed information of the majors, please see the [Mentor's Catalog for English Taught Postgraduate Programs \(Attachment 1\)](#). Applicants can only choose mentors listed in the aforementioned Catalog. For a brief introduction of majors, please see [General Introduction of Majors \(Attachment 2\)](#).

2. Duration of Study

The duration of study is 3 years, and the maximum period of study (including suspension and retention) is 5 years.

3. Application Period

December 1, 2025 — May 15, 2026

4. Eligibility

- Foreign passport holders.
- Obtained a master's degree or a degree of higher education.
- Under 65 years of age; exceptions can be considered for applicants with competitive academic background or those recommended by collaborative universities.
- Applicants for programs taught in Chinese must score at least 180 points in HSK Level 5 exam. There are no minimal Chinese language requirements for those who apply for programs taught in English or Japanese. Non-native English speakers must score at least 90 points in TOEFL exam or 6.5 points in IELTS exam for the programs taught in English.
- Applicants without TCM background must hold a degree on medicine or related science and are expected to have abilities of self-study and conducting academic research.

5. Applying and Admission Procedure

Step 1. To obtain a mentor's consent

Applicants are expected to contact intended mentors based on the [Mentor's Catalog \(Attachment 1\)](#) and eventually confirm only one mentor to sign in the section of "Mentor's Consent" of [Application Form for International Postgraduate Student of SHUTCM \(Attachment 3\)](#). At this stage, applicants are required to complete and pass the summary test (Find details in [Attachment 4: Notice on Summary Test for International Postgraduate Applicant of SHUTCM 2026](#)).

¹ However, to ensure efficient use of institutional resources, the University has established a policy on minimum class size: 5 students for full-time master degree programs that are taught in English or Japanese.

Step 2. To submit required application documents

Applicants are required to log in the online portal: <https://apply.shutcm.edu.cn> to upload all application documents (See Part 6).

Step 3. To pay application fee and file an online application

Applications without an uploaded payment proof for the application fee will be considered invalid. Only CSC type A recipients are exempt from paying the fee.

Step 4. To complete an formal interview

Applicants will be notified of their interview status after the application deadline and are required to complete the interview as scheduled (Find details at Part 7).

Step 5. Admission

Admission is decided through a comprehensive review of the applicant's documents, mentor's evaluation and interview performance. **Requests for a change of mentor are generally not accepted after admission.** Admission Notice will be sent by email to enrolled students by the middle of July 2026.

6. Application Documents

- Application Form for International Postgraduate Student of SHUTCM ([Attachment 3](#))
- Photocopy of the passport (Passport info cannot be changed after the submission until the completion of enrollment, thus minimum 10 month's validity is advised)
- ID photos (35*54mm, blue or white background, pixel: ≥300 pixels/inch) took within 6 months.
- Photocopy of both bachelor's and master's degree. Those who completed their study or are studying in overseas colleges should submit additional notarial certificate. Certificates in other languages need to be translated into Chinese or English, coupled with a notarial certificate of the translation.
- Copy or notarial certificate of transcripts for undergraduate and master's study. Transcripts in other languages need to be translated into Chinese or English, coupled with a notarial certificate of the translation.
- Copy of the HSK, TOEFL or IELTS examination results. (Applicants for Chinese-taught doctoral degree program are not required to submit HSK if he or she had finished secondary and (or) tertiary education in Chinese language; applicants for English-taught doctoral degree program are not required to submit TOEFL or IELTS examination results if they are native speakers.).
- Applicants for full-time doctoral degree program are required to submit two Recommendation Letters supplied by associate professors or higher professional titles. The Recommendation Letter can be written in Chinese or English.
- Full text of the dissertation of master's degree and other published academic papers.
- Payment proof of the application fee (If paying by bank transfer, indicate the applicant's passport name and application ID in the payment remarks. If

paying online, write this information on the screenshot of the successful payment confirmation.)

- Certificate of Non-Criminal Record (Applicants can sign the Non-Criminal Record Commitment issued by the school, see [Attachment 9](#)).
- Statement of Financial Support (Applicants can sign the Statement of Financial Support issued by the school or provide the Bank Deposit Certificate of at least CNY 100,000 or the relevant movable and real estate certificate, etc. See [Attachment 10](#)).
- CSC Scholarship applicants and Shanghai Government Scholarship applicants are required to submit [Foreigner Physical Examination Form \(Attachment 7\)](#) and [Physical Examination Form for Shanghai Government Scholarship Applicants \(Attachment 8\)](#) respectively. Applicants with chronic medical conditions are required to disclose this information during the application process. If unsure whether it may affect the enrollment, please confirm with the Admissions Office before submitting the application.

NOTE: The aforementioned documents are required to be submitted online before the application deadline. Please do not send any document via email. The application will not be processed if the documents are incomplete or sent by email. Applicants may be request to submit supplementary documents when necessary.

7. Interview

The interview for doctoral degree program can be done in person or online. (Applicants based in China are required to attend on-site interviews, or they will lose the chance of be selected by the school as a government scholarship candidate). The Interview Notice will be sent by the intended mentor's team via an email.

8. Fee

- **Application Fee**

CNY 800/person

Application fee is non-refundable.

- **Tuition**

Full-time program taught in Chinese: CNY 50000 per year;

Part-time program taught in Chinese: CNY 60000 per year;

Full-time program taught in English/Japanese: CNY 60000 per year;

Part-time program taught in English/Japanese: CNY 60000 per year;

Tuition fee covers lectures, clinical internship, tutor instruction and thesis review. Expenditures for teaching materials, books, accommodation, and medical insurance are not covered. For postgraduate students enrolled under cooperation agreement, the content of the agreement shall prevail.

- **Accommodation**

Live on campus: Please see [Introduction of International Student's Dormitory \(Attachment 5\)](#). Notice of the accommodation arrangement will be sent out in middle of July. (The accommodation fee may fluctuate).

Live off-campus: Students can live off-campus upon approval by the university

and all expenses are self-paid.

- **Insurance**

CNY 800 / Year

9. Scholarship

- **Chinese Government Scholarship**

The tuition, medical insurance, on-campus accommodation and living expense shall be delivered according to the Regulations on Management of Chinese Government Scholarship by International Cooperation and Exchange Department, Ministry of Education. For Pre-Admission Notice, please contact Admissions Office. Admitted applicants will be assigned to mentors by the decision of school. Applicants must go through complete applying procedures (online application-paying application fee-evaluation) if they intend to choose mentors.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.campuschina.org/>

- **Shanghai Government Scholarship**

Doctoral program applicants can apply for Shanghai Government Scholarship Type A and B. Application is required at the school online application portal.

- **University Scholarship**

- “Belt and Road” Scholarships
- Pre-enrollment Scholarships

- **Enterprise Scholarship**

10. Study Plan

See Program Curriculum at [Attachment 6](#).

11. Contact Us

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Email Address: iec.admissions@shutcm.edu.cn

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Bank Name: Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Shanghai Branch Xujiashui Sub-branch

Bank Address: No. 8, West Guangyuan Road Shanghai China

Account №: 1001239109004636961

Swift Code: ICBKCNBJSHI

CNAPS CODE: 102290023910

*Note: For remittance from outside China, it is recommended to remit in the form of cross-border RMB. Due to the exchange rate and the charge of bank processing, the actual amount of the fee university receives might differ from the amount sent.

****Admissions Integrity Statement****

The entire process of international student admissions is subject to the oversight of

the University Admissions Supervision Panel.

Reporting Hotline: 021-51322410 (8:30-11:00, 13:30-16:00, Mon-Fri)

Attachments: (Please click to download)

1. [Mentor's Catalog for English Taught Postgraduate Program](#)
2. [General Introduction of Majors](#)
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4. [Notice on Summary Test for International Postgraduate Applicant of SHUTCM 2026](#)
5. [Introduction of International Student's Dormitory](#)
6. [Program Curriculum](#)
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