2020 INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FAIR Online

13 – 15 November 2020

About IGSF

The International Graduate Scholarship Fair (IGSF) first commenced in 2009. The fair has been held annually since then, with participation from foreign institutions and Chinese students increasing dramatically. The 2019 IGSF attracted representatives from 85 overseas higher education institutions/agencies of 17 countries and nearly 7,000 Chinese students with a majority of them from China's 'Double First-class Universities'.

The 2020 IGSF, hosted by China Scholarship Council (CSC), will be held online.

CSC, founded in 1996, is a non-profit institution affiliated with the Chinese Ministry of Education. The objective of CSC is to provide financial assistance to Chinese citizens wishing to study abroad and to foreign citizens wishing to study in China in order to promote scientific and technological, educational and cultural exchanges between China and other countries. In 2019, CSC sponsored a total of about 26,500 Chinese students and scholars studying or researching overseas.

2020 IGSF Online will be targeting over 90 foreign institutions and organizing students from about 50 host universities (mainly Double First-class Universities) to attend the fair via internet.

2020 IGSF Online Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Nov. 13 Fri. (Live in Chinese)	9:00-12:00	Presentation delivered by CSC on the policies of studying abroad and the introduction to Postgraduate Study Abroad Programs
	14:00-17:00	Presentation delivered by Division of American & Oceanian Affairs ⁱ , Division of European, Asian & African Affairs ⁱⁱ from CSC and Dongfang International Center for Education Exchange ⁱⁱⁱ on the introduction to postgraduate programs.

Nov. 14 Sat. & Nov.15 Sun.	08:00-12:00	Presentation by foreign institutions on the introduction to recruitment policies
	12:30-16:30	(1 hour); Online Face-to-face Open Consultations
	17:00-21:00	with students & Institutional Collaboration Workshop (3 hours)

Please note that:

The 2020 IGSF Online will include presentations, open consultations, institutional collaboration workshop. There are totally six time slots in two days and **only one slot** will be provided for each institution. But, in order to guarantee the quality of live video, you could select two available slots for your convenience and we will coordinate an appropriate one for your institution based on the networking circumstance. After the presentation, open consultations and institutional collaboration workshop will be running simultaneously. Each institution will be allocated two video conference rooms for consultations and workshop.

Presentation (1 hour Video conference+ Live)

Presentation will be given by your institution. Specially, we will arrange over 300 students from at least 10 host universities for your video conference room. Meanwhile, your presentation will be shown live to Chinese students who are interested in. The Q&A interactive session will also be designed for your institution and students from host universities. But it is flexible depending on the time of your presentation. The whole presentation will be recorded and displayed on the IGSF website.

Online Face- to-face Open Consultations (3 hours Video conference)

After the Presentation Section, online face-to-face open consultations with students from host universities will be arranged. To guarantee the effectiveness of online consultation, students will have access to your conference room in groups separately. Each group will stay no more than 20 minutes.

<u>Institutional Collaboration Workshop (3 hours Video conference)</u>

Meanwhile, institutional collaboration workshop will be arranged. Staff from the Division for International Cooperation and Exchanges of host universities will have access to your video conference room within the reserved time. Owing to the fact that the workshop and the open consultation will be running at the same time, two different groups of staff are suggested to stay at these two conference rooms separately. Appointment for Institutional Collaboration workshop will be available from Oct. 26 to Oct. 29, 2020.

Who are eligible to register?

- Overseas higher education institutions having an agreement with CSC, or
- ► Other overseas higher education institutions offering graduate programs and scholarships that Chinese students may apply for, or
- ▶ Foreign embassies and Consulate-Generals in China, and
- Non-profit educational associations.

Why participate?

China will continue to be one of the major source countries for students studying overseas. According to statistics of the Ministry of Education of China, there has been a total of 5.8571 million Chinese citizens studying abroad from 1978 to the end of 2018. In the year 2018, 662,100 Chinese citizens went to study abroad, of which 30,200 were sponsored by the State Sponsored Study Abroad Programs and 35,600 sponsored by their home organizations. Self-financed students numbered 596,300.

CSC plans to recruit a total of 30,000 new citizens to study abroad for all types of sponsored Study Abroad Programs in 2020. IGSF is a full platform for Chinese students being able to be recruited by foreign institutions.

You will enjoy the following benefits with your participation in 2020 IGSF:

- ► Exposure to a large number of Chinese students for a relative long time period by means of online show live and recording;
- ▶ An opportunity to make a promotion of your institution through 2020 IGSF Online;
- ▶ Online Face-to-face Open Consultations with students;
- ▶ A platform through the Institutional Collaboration Workshop online helps you to get in touch and explore possibilities of cooperation with participating Chinese universities;
- Marketing on the official website of 2020 IGSF;
- ▶ Promotion of graduate programs on the 2020 IGSF Online.

Cost of participation

The participation fee of 2020 IGSF Online is **US\$ 3000** or **RMB 20,000**. No limitation of participants for each institution.

Participation fee includes:

- ▶ Usage for the network platform, which includes the presentation for your institution, open consultations with students from Chinese universities and institutional collaboration workshop with participating Chinese institutions.
- ► Test and Guidance for the network platform login
- ► Free access to the list of registered Chinese students
- ▶ Marketing on the official website of 2020 IGSF
- Marketing on the 2020 IGSF online
- ▶ Promotion of graduate programs on the 2020 IGSF Online at no cost

Register from September 15 to October 9, 2020

- ▶ Please fill in the registration form and send it via email <u>edufair@csc.edu.cn</u> from September 15 to October 9,2020. A confirmation of acceptance will be sent to you by email within three workdays after your application is assessed. Please contact us if you get no response from us by then.
- ▶ Transfer your participating fee via bank before *Oct 23, 2020*.

Note:

- ▶ Each institution please fill in only one registration form.
- ▶ Registration after the deadline will result in a failure of participating 2020 IGSF Online.
- ▶ All invoices shall be settled in either USD or RMB unless prior consent is obtained. They must be settled before *23, Oct, 2020*.
- ▶ All subsequent cancellation requests must be made in writing. No refund shall be made if the cancellation request is made on or after November 1, 2020 and 50% charge shall be levied if the request is made between October 23, 2020 and October 31, 2020 (both dates inclusive).
- ▶ Circumstances beyond the control of the Organizing Committee or Participants may cause participants to withdraw from the event. In the event of such circumstances, each party shall immediately notify the other by written information. No refund shall be made due to any absence in case of force majeure.

Contact

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ⁱ Division of American & Oceanian Affairs is responsible for the dispatch and management affairs of Chinese citizens who are sponsored by the State in the area of America and Oceania. It also provides International Cooperative Program for Innovative Talents (ICPIT) and other cooperation programs in the area of America and Oceania, etc.

Division of European, Asian& African Affairs is responsible for the dispatch and management affairs of Chinese citizens who are sponsored by the State in the area of Europe, Asia and Africa. It also provides International and Regional Study Program & Language Training Program and other cooperation programs in the area of Europe, Asia and Africa, etc.

Dongfang International Center for Education Exchange, founded in 2000 by CSC, is devoted to promoting international cooperation and exchanges in education. It offers diversified services which include promoting graduate scholarship programs through IGSF, assisting participating institutions in establishing partnerships with Chinese education institutions, providing short-term overseas training programs, 6-12 month visiting scholar programs for administrators & teachers from Chinese universities and schools, and providing services to Chinese self-funded students who wish to study overseas and foreign students to study in China.