



Hangqing-Hebrew University Scholarships

Outstanding candidates are invited to apply for a scholarship from the

Program overview

The Hangqing-HU graduate student scholarship program is designed to enable excelling Chinese students to continue their academic and scientific training at the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment, of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in Rehovot. The successful applicants will be enrolled in the graduate, direct-track program that, upon successfully completing all course-work and thesis research requirements, will earn them a PhD degree from the Hebrew University. The program, in its entirety, is conducted in English.

Background

[The Hebrew University of Jerusalem](#), founded in 1918 and opened officially in 1925, is recognized internationally for its excellence and its leading role in the scientific community. It is ranked among the 60 leading universities in the world and first among Israeli universities. The Hebrew University has set as its goals at training public, scientific, educational and professional leadership; being a leader in scientific research; and expanding the boundaries of knowledge for the benefit of humanity.

[The Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment](#) was established in 1942 and has been one of the major factors contributing to successful settlement of marginal lands in Israel (water scarcity & aridity, saline soils, more) and to its remarkable achievements in agriculture. This has been due to training environmental

protection, human food and nutrition, and the economic aspects of agriculture and rural development. These accomplishments had earned international recognition.

The University in general and the Faculty of Agriculture in particular, encourage multi-disciplinary activities and international student exchange, and serve as a bridge between academic research and social as well as industrial applications. To this end, an International School of Agricultural Sciences has been established at the Faculty of

Agriculture. The new school oversees all international training activities in Rehovot. To date, more than 2,500 students from about 130 countries participated in these activities on campus.

Program description

Each of the Hanqing-HU scholars will identify a faculty member in Rehovot who will serve as his/her thesis advisor. Help in identifying an advisor will be offered in accordance to the scholar's background and field of interest. During the first academic year of the scholar in the program, he/she will enroll in graduate level courses (24 academic credits, offered in English) and launch his/her thesis research. During the second year, and upon the successful completion of all course-work requirements and the development of thesis research plan, the scholar will be transferred to the PhD study track. The training must be completed in no more than 6 years.

Eligibility

1. Citizens of the People Republic of China.
2. Graduates (or expected to graduate by 1 September 2015) who are holding a BSc degree, or an equivalent degree, from a recognized institution of higher education.
3. A BSc Grade Point Average (GPA) of 85 or more (on a scale of 1-100).
4. Academic background in the desired field of study.
5. Proficiency in the English language; official TOEFL, IELTS or ECRL scores of at least 100 (internet-based test), 7.5 or C2, respectively, which are the Exemption Levels. Candidates may be admitted with scores of at least 80 (internet-based test), 6.5 or B2, on condition of attaining the Exemption Level by the end of the first academic year in the program.

Funding details

Scholarships covers: air tickets from China to Israel and back, tuition, health insurance, accommodation in on-campus student dormitories, and a modest living stipend.

Application procedures

Application information and forms are found at:

http://departments.agri.huji.ac.il/externalstudies/int_courses.php .

A mandatory application fee of US\$80 must be paid before application material could be processed. The selection process will include an interview, either in Beijing or through Skype.

Last date for receiving applications is 1 August 2015