

Information for students who want to apply for a 4 year CSC grant and make a Ghent University PhD at the Department of Geography

Given the large number of applicants and the CSC rule that allows for a maximum of 2 applicants per supervisor per year, our department follows a strict procedure for reviewing the applications of prospective PhD students. Only applications for a 4 year Ghent University PhD will be taken in consideration. Due to a capacity problem, we do not accept exchange PhD students that want to stay at Ghent University for 1 year with a CSC grant.

All applicants have to fill in a form <https://forms.gle/bsztc4EnPtMmkdHF6> (a Google account is needed, you can create one for free if you don't have one yet) in which we ask for information such as home university, publications, motivation etc. They also have to upload some documents (like the research proposal). From the list of applicants, we select the best candidates who are then invited for a short interview with their future supervisor and some other professors of the department. The deadline for submitting the online application is **Friday the 8th of November 2024**. Interviews will take place from 18 to 29 November. If you are selected, you will be informed about the timing and format of the interview by the 15th of November at the latest.

All candidates that pass the interview, have to apply for the Special Research Fund (BOF) 'Cofunding for Chinese PhD candidates holding a CSC-preference scholarship', with deadline the 12th of December, see: <https://www.ugent.be/en/research/funding/bof/chn/overview.htm> .

Candidates that are selected by BOF, receive a monthly top-up scholarship of 170 euro. They are also exempted from tuition fee and bench fee.

Candidates that are not selected by BOF can (if their supervisor agrees) apply for a personal CSC grant.

If you are interested in becoming a PhD student at the Department of Geography of Ghent University, please fill in this form: <https://forms.gle/bsztc4EnPtMmkdHF6>