

GOKONGWEI BROTHERS FOUNDATION (CHINA) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the GBF (China) Scholarship Program (GBF- CSP)?

The GBF (China) Scholarship Program was established in 2007 with financing from the Gokongwei Brothers Foundation.

It aims to provide an opportunity for well-qualified young Filipino leaders to undertake a leadership development program with focus on Chinese language, culture and selected elective studies in economics, management, and other development-related fields at our partner academic institutions in the Philippines and the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Upon completion of their study programs, scholars are expected to return to the Philippines and contribute to the economic and social development of their region through identified post- return action plans.

2. What does the scholarship cover?

The GBF - CSP provides:

- full tuition fees
- a monthly living allowance
- medical insurance
- travel expenses

3. What is the duration of the scholarship award?

The scholarship is for ten (10) months starting July 2009. The first five months will be spent in a partner academic institution in Manila, Philippines and the remaining five months to be spent in a partner academic institution in China.

4. What are the eligibility requirements for GBF- CSP?

- a. A Filipino citizen.
- b. A bachelor's degree or its equivalent in Social Sciences, Business, Management, Humanities, Education or similar fields with superior academic record.
- c. At least one (1) year of full-time professional working experience
- d. Proficiency in oral and written English communication skills to be able to pursue studies.
- e. Not more than 30 years old at the time of application.
- f. In good health.
- g. Should be able to present and provide clear post- return plans that will benefit home country.
- h. Should agree to return to his/her home country after completion of studies under the Program.

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5. What are the programs covered by the GBF - CSP?

Programs covered by the GBF-CSP are studies in:

- Chinese language (Mandarin)
- Chinese culture (e.g. government, history, arts, etc)
- Other development-related fields (e.g. economics, political science, etc)

6. What is the procedure for applying for GBF- CSP?

- a. Request further information from GBF-CSP Office and participating academic institutions.
- b. Complete the **Application Form** and **Written Interview Form**- it may be photocopied, and send to GBF-CSP Office. Attach all **requirements** which include: (1) Transcript of Records or Certified True Copy of Grades and (2) Photocopies of related certifications, awards, commendations and citations
- c. The GBF-CSP Committee, using their standard criteria, will evaluate the applications and contact candidates for further information.
- d. GBF-CSP Committee will select scholars and inform each accordingly.

7. What are the criteria for selection of GBF- CSP scholars?

- a. Qualifications of the candidate (i.e. academic, leadership and work experiences, etc)
- b. Endorsements from institutions (e.g. commendation letters, citations, etc)
- c. Intent and alignment of program to overall personal and career path of scholar will be considered.
- d. Diversity of candidates and demographic mix in the overall Program will be considered.

8. When is the deadline for submission of application?

Send applications for scholarships and all requirements **on or before March 23, 2009**.

9. Where can I get a copy of the Application Form for the GBF- CSP?

GBF - CSP Application forms are available from participating academic institutions, and the GBF Committee Office.

10. Is there an age limit for applying for GBF - CSP Scholarships?

Yes. Applicants should be more than 21 and not be more than 30 years of age at the time of application and duration of the scholarship program.

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11. Important points to consider when applying for GBF- CSP:

- The completed Application Form, together with all other requirements, should be sent to the GBF Committee **on or before March 23, 2009**.
- Scholarship awards are intended for the scholars only; no provision is made for spouses or dependents.
- Candidates who have been awarded GBF- CSP scholarship are not eligible for a second GBF- CSP scholarship.

12. What is the address of GBF- CSP?

For further information, contact:

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