2025 NPU PhD Program Application Guide for International Students

1. **Duration of Offered Program:**
2. Duration: 4 years
3. Method of study: Full-time
4. Fall Semester Intake Only
5. **Application Period:** November 15, 2024
6. **Admission Requirements**: (admission to NPU is based on academic merit and open competition. Before application, ensure that you satisfy the admission requirements. Depending on the competitiveness of each applicant cohort, admission criteria may vary from year to year)
7. Good physical and mental health (no infectious or contagious diseases and no physical or mental disorders that could interfere with regular study).
8. Applicants for PhD's program should be under 40 by September 1st, 2025.
9. Academic Requirement: As of September 1st, 2025, applicants for doctoral program must hold a master's degree.
10. Learning Ability: Applicants should have good learning ability and academic performance. The requirement for previous academic grade level is an average score of 75% and above. For CSC scholarship applicants, the requirement for previous academic grade level is an average score of 80% and above. Applicants may provide other evidence of academic ability, such as the GRE and GMAT scores.
11. Language Requirement: Applicants should have Chinese or English language proficiency that meets the requirement.

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| **Medium** | **Requirement** |
| Chinese | HSK Level 5 (200 or above) |
| English | IELTS Academic Test overall 6.5 or above (no less than 5.5 in each element)  TOEFL 90 or above (My best Scores, iBT home edition, Essentials, DI code C317 are accepted)  Duolingo English Test (120 or above)  PTE Academic (60 or above) |

1. Nationality Requirements: The applicants shall be non-Chinese citizens with valid passports. For the applicants who used to be Chinese citizens but later immigrated to other countries, these applicants must hold the passports or citizenship certificates of their current countries for at least 4 years in addition to the 2-year “proof of residence” in recent 4 years. Applicants whose one or both parents are Chinese citizens must provide one of the following supporting documents:

* The certificate proving that the applicant obtained the foreign nationality at birth;
* For applicants who used to be Chinese citizens but later immigrated to other countries, these applicants shall provide the certificates of cancellation of Chinese nationality.

1. **Application Documents**:
2. A copy of the personal information page of your valid passport. The passport should be valid until October 30, 2025 at least. Applicants currently residing in mainland China must **also**provide a scanned copy of the currently valid visa page or residence permit page. If the applicant does not have the passport on the time for application, the national ID can be used instead. However, the passport is one of the mandatory application documents. Applicants should apply for it and provide to Admissions office as soon as possible.
3. A copy of undergraduate and master diploma. Both degree and graduation certificate are asked to provide for applicants who finish the undergraduate program in China. Graduating students can provide pre-graduation certificate, indicating the expecting time for graduate. The original undergraduate diploma must be provided for registration after admission.
4. Transcripts for each semester/academic year during both undergraduate and master periods.
5. Recommendation letters from two professors (associate professor or level above).
6. Study plan for Doctoral Degree program (based on given template).
7. Chinese (HSK)/English language certificate (IELTS or TOFEL or Duolingo or PTE). Under these circumstances, language certificate is not needed:

* Applicants who are Chinese native speakers and applying for Chinese medium majors.
* Applicants who are English native speakers and applying for English medium majors.

1. Non-criminal record (valid for six months from the date of issuance).
2. Acceptance letter from a supervisor. For doctoral applicants, the acceptance letter is a must.
3. Officially recognized awards, scientific research achievements. Scientific research achievements are a must for PhD applicants, including research publications, patent and/or scientific research awards. PhD applications for CSC scholarship need to provide at least one Journal publication or conference publication.
4. A copy of "Physical Examination Form for Foreigners" (valid for six months).

Bank statement. Note: For those who have worked for a long time with a relevant and stable job, they may provide documents such as working certificate instead. However, for those who are students bank statement is a must.

1. Other supplementary materials required.
2. Students applying for architecture or design majors shall provide one’s own art/design portfolio.

**NOTE:**

* For the list of English-speaking countries, please refer to <https://studyat.nwpu.edu.cn/info/1192/6021.htm>.
* Some colleges have specific requirements on GPA or students’ language or Master program acceptance letter from professors:
  + School of Management requires GPA of 80% and above for PhD applicants.
* All the above application materials must be in English or Chinese. Notarized English or Chinese translations is required if materials are in other languages.
* The interview of School of Public Policy and Administration and School of Foreign Studies will be arranged after the 4th batch deadline for all four batches applicants.
* All academic documents submitted by an applicant electronically are checked to ensure they are legitimate before an offer is confirmed. Once students arrive at NPU, we will re-examine all the original, hard-copy documents.

1. **Application and Selection Procedure**
2. **Step 1- Documents Preparation**: Applicants must meet all requirements and prepare application materials accordingly.
3. **Step 2- Complete Online Application and Psychological Evaluation**: Create an account and log into the NPU online application portal at (<http://admission.nwpu.edu.cn/>) to complete the application
   * 1. The NPU online application portal is the only acceptable application gate. After completing the application, a non-refundable fee (600 RMB/ about 100 USD) must be paid to validate the application. It will be free for the applicants who apply through the focal points of APSCO member States and their nomination letters uploaded while they apply.
     2. A valid e-mail address should be used to register for the online application system. Applicants should make sure this e-mail address can be used until registration time. The Admissions Office will send application results and notifications to this e-mail address.
     3. Applicants must upload required documents before deadline. Incomplete applications, such as have not submitted or miss application documents, will not be considered and processed.
4. **Step 3- Application Materials Review**
5. The Admissions Office will review the authenticity of materials.
6. Academic schools will review the applicants’ academic competency within three days after each deadline. All qualified applicants will be invited for a follow-up interview or examination.
7. During application period, applicants need to pay attention to the review status on the application system and their e-mail promptly as well for process and feedback. Also, applicants are asked to reply the related email on time. Applicants who fail to respond to the email in a timely manner or fail to submit supplementary materials as requirements will be regarded as forfeit.
8. **Step 4- Examination/Interview**

* Interviews will be arranged in 7-10 working days after each deadline.
* Qualified applicants will receive e-mail notifications regarding the examination and interview method, content and time. Applicants should attend the examination or interview according to specified instructions.
* The Admissions office will announce the results via e-mail a week after the examination or interview.

**Step 5- Registration Deposit**: Pre-admitted students must pay a registration deposit. The amount for CSC candidates is 5000 RMB. The amount for other students is 2000 RMB. This will be refunded after on-site registration (around the November-December of the academic year).

Note: If the applicants receive offer from NPU, this deposit needs to be paid by students themselves as a confirmation of the offer. The fee will be return to students after they register at the University.

1. **Step 6- Issuing of Admission Documents**:

* CSC candidates: Please log in to your CSC account and download the e-version of JW201 (confirmation form for study in China) and Admission Notice.
* Others: E-version of Admission Notice and JW202 (confirmation form for study in China) will be sent to the email address which applicants used for NPU application portal registration. Please download the documents accordingly

1. **Step 7- Registration**:

* Registration period usually will be at the end of August to the beginning of September, 2025. Specific date will be subject to the admission notice and official notification email for registration. For those who do not register as requested without reason, both admission and scholarship will be canceled. Please attention early registration is not recommended.
* Admitted candidates should go to Chinese embassies (consulates) abroad to apply for study (X1) visa with passport, Admission Notice and "confirmation form for study in China" and come to NPU for registration with the required documents on time.

1. **Payment Methods for the Application Fee and Initial Fee**:

* Online Payment: applicants will pay the fees via the online application system.
* Local Bank or Online Bank Wire Transfer: After paying the initial fee via the bank wire transfer method, the applicants shall upload the wire transfer receipts in the application system. Please note the applicants’ passport numbers on the receipts. (Note: Initial fee will only be asked to pay after the student is recruited by the University. More details and instructions will be provided by the University by that time.)
* Details of Bank account information:

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| **For Domestic Remittance** | **For Overseas Remittance (only accept USD)** |
| NAME: NORTHWESTERN POLYTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY  ADDRESS: 127 YOUYI XILU, XI’AN SHAANXI, P.R. CHINA  BANK NAME: THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK OF CHINA SHAANXI BRANCH  BANK ACCOUNT: 3700117319200004172  BANK ADDRESS: NO.1 GAOXIN ROAD XI’AN CHINA | Name: NORTHWESTERN POLYTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY  Account Number: 102010169938  Address: 127 YOUYI XILU, XI’AN 710072 SHAANXI PROVINCE P.R.CHINA  Beneficiary Bank: NPU SUB-BRANCH BANK OF CHINA  Bank address: First Floor, Innovation And Technology Building, No.127 You Yi Road, Xi’an China  SWIFTCODE: BKCHCNBJ620 |

\*If you wish to do a wire transfer, please note that we do not take responsibility for any delays or transactions in the remittance. Any wrong inputs may lead to the failure of the transaction. We request that you take special attention to our account details.

1. **Fee Structure**

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| **Program** | **Tuition** | **Application Fee** | **Health Insurance Fee** | **Accommodation** |
| PhD | 38000 RMB/Year | 600CNY/100USD  (Non-refundable) | 800CNY/Year | 7200CNY/Year  (Double Room)  10800CNY/Year  (Single Room) |

\***Note: For non-full scholarship students, tuition fee and accommodation fee are required to pay annually.**

1. **Scholarship Opportunities**: NPU provides multi-type scholarships which covers all levels in different perspectives. We wish to improve students’ life and support more youth to strive for excellence and explore their potential.

* Scholarship details and application method:

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| CSC Scholarship:  <https://studyat.nwpu.edu.cn/SCHOLARSHIPS1/Chinese_Government_Scholarships.htm> |
| NPU President Scholarship:  <https://studyat.nwpu.edu.cn/SCHOLARSHIPS1/NPU_President_Scholarship.htm> |
| Xi’an Belt and Road Scholarship:  <https://studyat.nwpu.edu.cn/SCHOLARSHIPS1/Xi_an_City.htm> |

* Scholarship Result Announcement:
  + Scholarship review will be processed according to scholarship type, requirements and batches. Applicants will receive the result announcement via registered email. Early applicants will be given merit-based priority.
  + If awarded, applicants will receive only one scholarship funded by either the Chinese government or NPU.
  + After being admitted by NPU, applicants will not be able to change their programs, majors, learning language, or study period. Any special circumstances may require additional approvals from the university.

1. **Process Supervision**:

* The whole process of selection and admission will be strictly regulated by the university and follows the principle of openness, fairness, and academic integrity.
* NPU treats the possibility of admissions fraud seriously and the admissions team is expert and experienced in fraud detection. The University takes robust action against applicants in fake or altered application documents, or other false or misleading information. If we find that fake documents or false information has been submitted, we will withdraw the application and any others made by the same person. If this is discovered after the individual has matriculated at the University, we are able to terminate their studies. When investigating potential fraud, we may disclose application data to third parties.
* For admitted freshmen, NPU will have regular verification for eligibility of new students before registration. If any applicant with problems is found, NPU has the right to cancel the applicant's admission qualification after verification and refuse to apply for visa residence and other procedures.
* Disposition of other violations will be per the relevant provisions issued by the Ministry of Education of China. Supervision contact: 86-29-88492984

1. **Contact Information**:

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1. **Tips:**

* All dates mentioned above are Beijing Time.
* Any update will be posted at NPU International College website.
* The Admissions Office of NPU International College reserves the right of final interpretation of this guide.

**For More Details:** [**https://studyat.nwpu.edu.cn/info/1313/3781.htm**](https://studyat.nwpu.edu.cn/info/1313/3781.htm)