

General conditions for PhD co-funding from the Danish SDC Office 2025

Prior to commencement

The co-funding for the SDC PhD project must be spent to cover salary and additional expenses related to a newly employed PhD student.

The total funding for the full employment of the PhD student must be in place before enrolment of the PhD student.

According to the Partnership agreement between UCAS and the Danish Universities, Chinese citizens (including citizens from Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao) are not eligible for PhD positions with co-funding from the Danish SDC office.

PhD projects with co-funding from the Danish SDC office must have a duration of 3 years (The Danish SDC office does not co-fund PhD projects within the 4+4 or 3+5 scheme).

For each PhD project a Danish main supervisor and a Chinese co-supervisor must be appointed. An updated list of approved Chinese PhD co-supervisors for each research area is accessible via [UCAS website](#).

Commencement

The PhD student must start his/her employment no later than December 31st in the grant year.

The Danish SDC Office must be informed about name, start date of employment, nationality, and email of the newly employed PhD student. The information must be sent to phd@sdcc.university.

The PhD student must apply for enrolment at UCAS within one month after employment at the Danish university.

During the period of employment, the PhD student must spend time in China in accordance with the PhD grant, cf. table 1.



Table 1

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Stay in China	Min. 6 months	Min. 9 months	Min. 12 months
SDC funding	DKK 600,000	DKK 1,200,000	DKK 1,800,000

The PhD student is also expected to contribute to the educational activities of the master's programmes at SDC.

If the PhD student chooses to pursue a double degree, it must be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Danish university and UCAS. For further information please consult [SDC's website](#).

Please take all the above conditions into account when the PhD plan is drafted.

In case of any substantial changes to the PhD project (e.g. change of main- or co-supervisor, change of academic scope, leaves of absence, etc.) the Danish SDC office must be informed. In some cases, an approval by the Danish SDC office can be necessary.

Expenses related to leave of absence of any kind (incl. maternity or paternity leaves, sick leave, etc.) are not covered by the PhD grant from SDC.

Disbursement of the PhD funding

The grant will be paid out in instalments of 600,000 DKK per year upon receipt of an electronic invoice. A guideline can be found on [SDC's website](#).

Conclusion or discontinuation

In case of discontinuation the Danish SDC office must be informed immediately and a proportionate part of the SDC PhD grant must be returned to the Danish SDC office.

After the PhD degree has been awarded, the Danish SDC Office must be informed about the degree conferral date.

Affiliation

The PhD student must state their home university as their first affiliation, and "Sino-Danish College (SDC), University of Chinese Academy of Sciences" as their second affiliation on all academic publications, including the PhD dissertation.