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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to bring your attention to the Chico/China Graduate Scholarship at California State University, Chico. A generous donor has provided a scholarship for three semesters of graduate studies leading to a Master's degree. The donor's goal is to contribute to the continuing effort of building bridges of mutual understanding between China and the United States.



CSU, Chico has a number of outstanding Master's degree programs that the donor has identified as appropriate for this scholarship. On behalf of the Office of International Education (OIED) at CSU, Chico, I am asking for your assistance in publicizing this scholarship at your University so that qualified student candidates will become aware of this opportunity.

In addition to this scholarship, the graduate program at CSU, Chico will provide a Graduate Assistantship, and the University will waive all fees and tuition. The total value of this award will be approximately \$41,000. This should cover all expenses required to obtain a Master's degree.

Please visit: [http://www.csuchico.edu/iss/prospective\\_students/chico-china\\_scholarship.shtml](http://www.csuchico.edu/iss/prospective_students/chico-china_scholarship.shtml). On this page you will find more information about the scholarship, the degrees available, and eligibility requirements.

In addition, I have enclosed a simple, informational flyer that can be used to help promote this new graduate scholarship.

Thank you in advance for assisting me in distributing the scholarship details. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Frank Li, Director of the Office of International Education at 530-898-4767. His e-mail address is [fli@csuchico.edu](mailto:fli@csuchico.edu). Communication can be in either English or Chinese since Dr. Li is bilingual in those languages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William M. Loker".

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## Chico-China Graduate Scholarship at California State University, Chico

(Approximate value: \$41,000)

The Chico-China Graduate Scholarship builds bridges of mutual understanding between China and the United States. Qualified applicants from the People's Republic of China may be eligible to receive this Scholarship to pursue a Master's degree at California State University, Chico. The Scholarship includes a per-semester stipend, a non-resident tuition waiver, a registration fee waiver, and a departmental Graduate Assistantship.

### Applicants to the following Master's programs are eligible:

- Biological Sciences
- Communication Studies
- Electrical Engineering
- English
- Environmental Science
- Geography and Planning
- Geosciences
- History
- Nutritional Science

### Graduates from the following institutions are eligible:

- Beijing Normal University
- Fudan University
- Jilin University
- Nanjing University
- Nankai University
- Xiamen University
- Xian Jiaotong University
- Zhejiang University
- Chongqing University
- Nanchang University

### Scholarship Requirements:

- Undergraduate GPA: 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- TOEFL: 600 paper-based; 100 internet-based or IELTS: 7.0
- GRE: refer to program for preferred score
- Must not be older than 25 years at the time of application
- Graduates who have studied overseas are not eligible
- Preference will be given to applicants who have no more than one semester of graduate work

**Apply online at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)**

**Application Deadline March 1, 2011**

Please send a cover page indicating your interest in applying for the Scholarship with official transcripts, letters of recommendation, statement of purpose, passport copy and any other documents required by the department\* to:

**California State University, Chico  
Office of International Education  
400 West 1st St.  
Chico, CA 95929-0680**

\*For specific program requirements and contact information:  
[www.csuchico.edu/graduatestudies/prospective/masters\\_programs.shtml](http://www.csuchico.edu/graduatestudies/prospective/masters_programs.shtml)

### For more information:

[www.csuchico.edu/iss/prospective\\_students/chico-china\\_scholarship.shtml](http://www.csuchico.edu/iss/prospective_students/chico-china_scholarship.shtml)

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## Past Participant:

### Tian He, 2007-2009

Tian He, a graduate of Zhejiang University, was awarded a Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering with Honors in 2009. Describing his experiences in Chico, Tian said:

*"Upon receiving the Chico-China Graduate Scholarship, I flew across the Pacific and landed in Chico. I still remember the first time I wandered in downtown Chico when there were only a few people around—everybody would say hi or smile. I still remember the first time I taught Chinese to students only in their second level, how passionate I was talking about a sophisticated study plan as if they were to devote ten years of their lives to it (in my defense at least one of them decided to pursue a degree in Chinese later on). I still remember the first time I taught a laboratory, how I frankly told the students that I was a little bit nervous and how their understanding smiles eased my mind. I still remember the first time I went to Mount Lassen, how excited I was when I saw a miniature squirrel-like creature—a chipmunk. The first time I swam in Big Chico Creek, the first time I rode a bike to Sacramento River, the first time I carved a pumpkin, the first time I played disk-golf in Upper Bidwell Park... There are just too many sweet memories.*

*In my two years in Chico, I attended two international conferences, one in Detroit, the other in Boston; I joined a research project that focuses on high speed and low cost simulation; somehow I managed to get a 4.0 GPA; my understanding towards principles of science and engineering has been greatly deepened.*

*My Master's Thesis is titled "Radio Frequency Power Amplifier Design for High Efficiency and High Linearity." Radio Frequency power amplifiers (RFPAs) are widely used in wireless communications. When you talk via your mobile phone, the signal that carries the information of your voice is sent out from your phone to the tower, from tower to tower, and finally reaches the other mobile phone. Each and every step involves a RFPA—that is how our voices can reach thousands of miles away, through amplifications. It is very important to design the RFPA with high efficiency (so that less energy is wasted) and high linearity (so that the transmitted signal is less distorted). This thesis work provided new ideas that could help do so.*

*Now, upon my graduation, looking back on these two years, I guess I can say that I have lived two exciting and rewarding years owing to the scholarship. I sincerely wish the future recipients an even better life in Chico."*

