



Master and Doctoral Programs in National Development

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Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development

On September 26, 2015, during the High-Level Roundtable on South-South Cooperation on the sidelines of the 70th Anniversary Celebration of the United Nations, President Xi Jinping announced that China would set up the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development (ISSCAD).

Thanks to strong support from the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance, and in virtue of Peking University's strong humanities faculty, profound historical heritage and comprehensive strengths, ISSCAD has been set up in the National School of Development of the university. ISSCAD is not only a high-level degree program focused on national development, but also a think tank committed to governance, international cooperation and exchange, and national policy research. It aims to review and share the successful experience of China and other developing countries; to build a teaching and research system of national development by integrating theory and practice; to cultivate high-level talent equipped with comprehensive theoretical knowledge, a broad international vision and open mindedness, talent capable of working for national development and making decisions in light of national conditions for developing countries. All of this is aimed at contributing to the economic and social development of the world as well as the solidarity, cooperation and common development among developing countries.

ISSCAD provides both degree education and non-degree executive training programs for mid-level to senior officials, as well as managers and researchers from government, academia, the media, NGOs and other organizations in developing countries.

ISSCAD has established a top-level faculty team consisting of prominent professors and leading practitioners in relevant fields from both within and outside of PKU. A carefully designed curriculum will enable ISSACD to deliver knowledge and skills in all key areas related to national development, such as political philosophy, national governance, economic development, quantitative analysis and global leadership. A series of lectures and workshops will also be arranged to address engaging issues such as national development models, foreign policy, legal systems, and market economy systems to help students understand China and global trends. Through intellectual and practical studies at ISSCAD, students will learn general principles behind a country's development, and search for development strategies suitable for their own countries.

Chinese Government Scholarships Provided by the Ministry of Commerce

The Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China finances ISSCAD's programs through the Chinese government's funds for foreign aid. Students admitted to the programs will receive scholarships to cover their tuition and basic living expenses.





Peking University

Peking University is the leading university in China. Founded in 1898, it was the first comprehensive national university in the country. Peking University upholds a spirit of academic freedom and inclusiveness. It has been home to a number of reputed experts and scholars in modern and contemporary China. Owing to its abundant teaching resources and outstanding research infrastructure, Peking University has been leading the other universities in conventional education in basic sciences, and has made great progress and breakthroughs in applied sciences and advanced interdisciplinary studies. Peking University has five principal academic branches: humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, information and engineering, and medical sciences. It has 53 colleges and departments, offering 120 undergraduate programs, 242 postgraduate programs, and 212 doctoral programs.

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北京大学国家发展研究院 National School of Development



National School of Development

The National School of Development was founded in 2008, on the basis of its predecessor, the China Center for Economic Research (CCER). It is a multidisciplinary school providing teaching, research and policy advice, with a focus on comprehensive social studies.

NSD provides education across a number of sectors and disciplines, including economics, management, and governance, and cultivates talent at various levels required for national development, ranging from undergraduates, postgraduates and PhD to executive training programs.

NSD has a large number of both domestically and internationally renowned scholars, represented by Professor Justin Yifu Lin, Professor Qiren Zhou, Professor Weiying Zhang, Professor Yang Yao, Professor Yiping Huang, Professor Guoqing Song, Professor Feng Lu and Professor Jun Fu, who have long been committed to the study of development practices in China.

NSD is internationally renowned for having given close attention to China's development and reform, organized broad cross-disciplinary study, raised visionary issues related to strategies, institutions, policies and fundamental theories of development, and striven to become one of China's leading think tanks.

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I Program Description

Our prospective students are mid-to-senior level officials or managers from government, academic institutions, the media, NGOs, and other sectors in developing countries, who have demonstrated superior performance, both academically and in their work.

Program Objective:

Prospective Students:

To prepare talent for the governance of developing countries.

Enrollment Plans:

In 2016, we plan to enroll up to 10 students in our doctoral degree program in Theoretical Economics (National Development) and up to 30 students in our master's degree program in Public Administration (National Development).



Our master's degree program is a one-year full-time program. Students enrolled in this program are expected to complete the coursework, conduct research, and write a thesis within one year.

Our doctoral program is a three-year program. Students enrolled in the doctoral program are required to complete all the coursework and field study trips during the first year, and are expected to conduct research and write a doctoral dissertation in the following two years. In the last semester, students shall complete the dissertation and pass the oral defense.

Language of instruction: While all non-Chinese speaking students are required to take one Chinese language course, the language of instruction of the program is English.

1) Orientation

Before formal coursework starts, admitted students are required to take a one-week orientation session in China. The orientation session, led by prominent scholars and senior government officials, serves as a general introduction to China, focusing on China's development model, concept and path. Specific topics may include China's opening-up and reform, foreign policy, the legal system, the economic system, political institutions and national governance.

2) Formal Coursework

Our formal coursework has three modules: State and Development, Economic Development—Theory and Practice, Leadership and Methodology. A schematic layout of the three modules follows:

II Education Plan





Courses could be further divided into compulsory courses and optional courses. Classes will incorporate a mix of lectures, seminars, case discussion, tutorials, and presentations.

3) Field Study

Field trips will be arranged for students to Chinese special economic zones, industrial clusters, government agencies, and business corporations, to gain first-hand knowledge of how governments and markets operate under various changing conditions in the reform and opening-up process of China, and to learn about China's success and lessons in economic development.



4) Independent Research

Students are required to come to ISSCAD with practical problems to be addressed for the political, economic or social development of the student's home country. Guided by a supervisor, a student is expected to carry out independent research on China's successful practices and experience, find out the functioning mechanisms that drive a country's growth and search for development strategies suitable for his/her own country.

5) Thesis and Dissertation

The thesis or dissertation shall be written in English, and under the guidance of a supervisor.

The thesis or dissertation shall make an attempt to tackle a major issue emerging from the development practices of the student's home country. Students are expected to apply the theories, knowledge and analytical skills acquired from the program to examine the phenomena, analyze inherent principles, and finally produce a quality paper with meaningful academic and practical implications.

Master's thesis: By the end of the first semester, a student shall choose a professor as his/her supervisor, and determine the subject matter of the thesis. In the second semester, students are expected to complete their thesis and pass an oral defense.

Doctoral dissertation: A student chooses a professor as his/her advisor in the first semester, and determines the subject matter in the second semester. They are expected to collect data, conduct research, and write the dissertation in the third to fifth semesters. In the sixth semester, they shall return to Peking University to finalize and defend their dissertation. A doctoral dissertation must pass high standards, and will be evaluated on the basis of its originality, academic contribution, and practical value.

6) Degrees

The Master of Public Administration degree will be conferred upon a candidate in the master's program after his/her successful completion of the required credits and a thesis; a Doctoral degree in Theoretical Economics will be conferred upon a candidate in the doctoral program after his/her successful completion of the program.

III Faculty













ISSCAD boasts first-class faculty composed of distinguished scholars and accomplished practitioners, who have been actively engaged in the study of China's development theories and policy issues, and who are widely acknowledged experts in their own fields. The core faculty of ISSCAD is listed below in alphabetic order of their surnames.

Jun Fu Jun FU, Professor of Political Economy and Public Policy, is Academic Dean of the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development. He has served as Executive Dean of the School of Government at Peking University, Advisor to the Chairman of the Executive Council of UNESCO, and Vice Chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on New Growth Models. He is the author of Institutions and Investments, and received his PhD in political economy from Harvard University. His major research areas are Comparative Public Policy and International Political Economy.

Yiping Huang Yiping HUANG, Chair Professor of Economics, is Deputy Dean of the National School of Development at Peking University. He is currently a member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank of China, and has previously served as Managing Director and Chief Asia Economist of Citigroup. Prof. Huang received his PhD in Economics from the Australian National University. His major research areas are Macroeconomic Policy and International Financial System.

Qiang Li Qiang LI is Professor of Political Philosophy in the School of Government at Peking University. He also serves as Director for Development Planning Department of the University. He received his PhD in Political Science from the University of London in 1993. His major research areas are Western Political Philosophy and Political Problems in Modern China.

Justin Yifu Lin Justin Yifu LIN is Professor of Economics. He is Honorary Dean of the National School of Development at Peking University, and Director of the Center for New Structural Economics. He has served as Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank. His research areas are Agricultural Economics, Development Economics, and Chinese Economic Reforms. He received his PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago.

Feng Lu Feng LU, Chair Professor of Economics, is Director of the China Macroeconomic Research Center at the National School of Development. He is adviser to the Ministry of Finance of China and the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security of China. His major research areas are Chinese Agricultural Economy, Chinese Economic Development and Open Macroeconomics. He received his PhD in Economics from University of Leeds in the UK.

Yan Shen Yan SHEN is Professor of Economics, and Deputy Director of the Center for Human Capital and Policy at the National School of Development. She received her PhD in Economics from the University of Southern California in 2003. Her major research areas are Econometrics and Microfinance.



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Tianyang Xi Tianyang XI is Assistant Professor of Political Economy in the National School of Development. He received his PhD in Political Science from New York University in 2013. His major research areas are Comparative Politics and Institutional Economics.

ZhaofengXue Zhaofeng XUE is Professor of Economics in the National School of Development, and Co-Director of the Law and Economics Research Center. He received his doctoral degree in Economics from George Mason University in 2008. His major research areas are Public Choice and Law and Economics.

Zhuang Yang Zhuang YANG is Professor of Management, and Co-Dean of BiMBA in the National School of Development at Peking University. He received his PhD in Management from Columbia University in 1991. His major research areas are Management, Global Leadership and Organizational Behavior.

Yang Yao Yang YAO is Professor of Economics, and Cheung Kong Scholar Chair Professor appointed by the Ministry of Education of China. He is Dean of the National School of Development at Peking University, and Director of the China Center for Economic Research. He has received multiple national awards in Economics. His research interests are Economic Development and Institutional Changes in China. He received his PhD in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1996.





Daojiong Zha Daojiong ZHA is Professor of International Political Economy in the School of International Studies at Peking University. He received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Hawaii-Manoa in 1995. His major research areas are International Political Economy and Non-traditional Security.

Xiaobo Zhang Xiaobo ZHANG is "National One Thousand Talent Program" Chair Professor of Economics in the National School of Development. He received his PhD in Applied Economics and Management from Cornell University in 2000. His major research areas are Development Economics, Agricultural Economics and Chinese Economy. HIRITAN

IV Financial Aid

The Ministry of Commerce of China will provide "Chinese Government Scholarships" to admitted students from developing countries. These scholarships cover both tuition and living expenses. They also include a round-trip international airfare for all students, a maximum of two round-trip international airfares for home visits for doctoral students (one time per year set at the end of an academic year), textbook costs, costs of field study trips and accommodation. The living expense allowance is 36,000RMB/year for the master's program, and 42,000RMB/year for the doctoral program. There is also a settling-in allowance of 3,000RMB/person.

If a student expects to have his/her spouse, children, relatives or friends visit him/her during the stay in Beijing, the visitor will have to bear all of the expenses him/herself.

V Application Instructions



1.Application Requirements

All applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

1) Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens from developing countries, with a valid passport, or any other identification certificate sufficient to verify his/her nationality;

2) Applicants for the master's program must have attained a bachelor's degree or above; and applicants for the doctoral program must have acquired a master's degree or above;

3) Applicants must be proficient in English. Non-native English speakers or candidates whose undergraduate education was not conducted in English are required to submit a test score of TOEFL or IELTS as proof of English proficiency. Applicants with the following scores would be considered competitive:

- TOEFL 100 or above in iBT (Internet-Based TOEFL);

- TOEFL 600 or above in PBT (Paper-Based TOEFL); or
- IELTS 7.0 or above in overall band score.

4) All applicants shall be in good physical condition and not carry any infectious disease which could have a serious impact on public health or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations.

5) Applicants shall be recommended by government authorities, political parties, non-governmental organizations in their home countries, or relevant international organizations.

6) Only applicants recommended by the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy in the country that accords with the candidate's nationality will be considered.



2.Application Procedure

1) Application to Peking University

Please visit the Peking University online application system at http://www.studyatpku.com and register for an account. Select "Degree Programs Application" on the first page that appears, and click "Next" to enter the following page where master's program applicants shall choose "Chinese Government Scholarship Candidates (Master's Degree Program)", and doctoral program applicants shall choose "Chinese Government Scholarship Candidates (PhD Program)". To further identify the programs, please pay attention to the information below:

- For the master's program, Major is "Public Administration"; Research Field is "National Development"; Teaching Language is "English";
- (2) For the doctoral program, Major is "Theoretical Economics"; Research Field is "National Development"; Teaching Language is "English".

After filling in all the required information online, an application form will be created. Print out the form, insert a hand-written name and date, and then post a photo on it.

2) Application to Chinese Scholarship Council

Please visit the online application system of the Chinese Scholarship Council at http://laihua.csc.edu.cn, and register for an account. Select the program "Chinese Government Scholarship", fill in all the required information, and an application form will be created. Print out the form, insert a hand-written name and date, and then post a photo on it. To complete the form successfully, please note the following information:

- (1) The agency number of Peking University is 10001;
- (2) For the master's program, Discipline is "Management", Major is "Public Administration";
- (3) For the doctoral program, Discipline is "Economics", Major is "Theoretical Economics".

3) Application Materials

	Documents	Requirements	Original copy	Photo- copy
1	PKU Application Form	Please visit http://www.studyatpku.com, fill in the application form, print it out, sign, date, and post a photo on it.	1	1
2	Chinese Govern- ment Scholarship Application Form	Please visit http://laihua.csc.edu.cn/, fill in the application form, print it out, sign, date, and post a photo on it.	1	1
3	Degrees	An original copy and a photocopy need to be prepared for each degree.	1	1
4	Official Transcripts	Transcripts must list all courses taken and all scores obtained.	1	1
5	Personal Statement	Personal statement must be written in English and be some 1000 words in length. It shall cover such essential elements as applicant's academic background, work experience, achievements, and future career plans. A research plan to be executed during the applicant's study at Peking University should also be included.	1	1
6	CV	In English.	1	1
7	Recommendation Letters	Two recommendation letters are required: one by a superior in the institution where the applicant works; the other by a professor who knows the applicant well.	1	1
8	English Language Proficiency Test Results	Applicants who are not native English speakers or whose undergraduate education was not conducted in English shall provide TOEFL or IELTS test scores.	1	1
9	Physical Examina- tion Form	The health form shall be issued within one month before the submission of application, showing that the applicant is in good physical condition, doesn't carry any infectious disease which may have a serious impact on public health or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations.	1	1
10	Photocopy of a Valid Passport	The passport must be a personal regular passport. All successful candidates must enter China and register with Peking University using the same passport as used for applying for the program.	0	2



4) Application Submission

- Submit all the application materials listed in the above table in both hard copy and scanned copy to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy. Hard copy must include both the original copy and the photocopy, as indicated in the table. For emails and addresses of the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Offices, please visit http://www.china-aibo.cn.
- 2) Submit a written request to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter and clearly state:
 - a) whether the applicant is willing to be considered for the master's program if the doctoral program is already full;
 - b) whether the applicant is willing to be considered for a similar program at other universities if the programs at ISSCAD are already full.
 - c) Other special requests, if any.

Attention:

- a) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.
- b) An original copy of degrees, transcripts and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification at the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy.
- c) Applicants will get back all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and photocopies from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy. If admitted, they must take the documents to China and submit them to the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development during registration in early September.
- d) None of the materials submitted to the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development will be returned.
 For important documents such as degrees and transcripts, a stamped copy issued by the institution where the applicant received his/her degrees will be accepted in place of the original copy. In this case, the original copy must be presented for on-site verification.



3.Application Deadlines

The application deadline for the master's program is May 31, 2016. The application deadline for the doctoral program is May 15, 2016.

An on-campus interview is required for doctoral candidates before they are admitted. After an initial round of selection, successful candidates will be invited to visit China and attend a seminar for seven days scheduled from late May to early June, during which time interviews will take place. The trip will be organized and funded by the Ministry of Commerce of China. Successful candidates shall receive a notice after May 15, 2016 from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office regarding details of the trip.

No interviews are required for master's candidates. Doctoral candidates are allowed to switch their application to the master's program on a voluntary basis.

The Admissions Committee of the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development will conduct interviews and make final admission decisions based on applicants' materials and interview performance.

Admission letters will be sent by the end of June 2016. They will include other necessary documents for visa processing.

No explanation will be provided, regardless of the admission result.

VII Registration

Registration will take place in early September 2016. The exact date will be specified in the admission letter. Students must abide by Peking University's regulations and register by the designated date.

VIII Contact Us

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