

Ching Tien Foundation for Women

Master's Scholarship Program Overview

The Ching Tien Foundation for Women develops female leaders from Asia by providing promising young women with scholarship opportunities to pursue academic and leadership training in a global setting. Our programs are designed to enable aspiring social impact leaders to develop the mindset, confidence and leadership skills to become changemakers for tomorrow.

Named after Ching Tien, a globally recognized champion for gender equality and women's empowerment, the Ching Tien Foundation builds on the legacy of *Educating Girl of Rural China (EGRC)*. Founded by Ching Tien, EGRC was a grassroots Canadian charity that operated in rural Western China for 18 years. From 2005 to 2023, EGRC provided over 2,000 young rural Chinese women with financial sponsorship and emotional support to complete their high school and university education, achieving a graduation rate of over 99%.

The Ching Tien Foundation Master's Scholarship Program supports promising young women from Asia to pursue master's degrees at international universities. Our program is designed to enable recipients to develop the mindset, confidence and skills to become changemakers and leaders in their chosen professions and in their communities. Scholarship recipients commit to giving back through community engagement and volunteering, and all graduates undertake a capstone "Pay It Forward" project, marking their first step towards making an impact in the world.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- The applicant must have obtained an undergraduate degree and be accepted to pursue a two-year master's program at a university outside of Asia.
- The applicant must have minimum of two years work experience and 100 hours of volunteer experience.
- The applicant must participate in the Ching Tien Foundation's Virtual Learning Program for a minimum of six months prior to scholarship application.
- The applicant must demonstrate an impact-oriented mind set and desire to give back and become a leader in her community.

Scholarship Benefits:

- Scholarship funding of CAD10,000 - CAD30,000 is offered to each recipient. Funds can be used for tuition and living experiences during the duration of study.
- Scholarship recipients are matched with both a mentor and an academic advisor for the duration their study abroad period.
- Scholarship recipients have access to learning opportunities in the areas of personal development, career planning and leadership skills training through programs and workshops offered by the Ching Tien Foundation.

- Scholarship recipients maintain regular interaction and check-ins with Ching Tien Foundation leadership.

Scholarship Recipient Obligations:

- Achieve above average academic results in master's program of study.
- Actively engage with the local culture and community.
- Commit up to 10% of scholarship funding to learn a new skill or hobby not related to the chosen field of academic study, and take responsibility for travel costs to attend annual in-person forum organized by the Ching Tien Foundation
- Research and choose a local cause, volunteer a minimum of 100 hours/year, and prepare a written report to summarize the experience and learnings.
- Participate in regular online learning events offered by the Ching Tien Foundation.
- Participate in the Foundation's annual forum held in Canada.
- Upon graduation, design and present an impact-driven "Pay It Forward Project" with a minimum one-year execution timeline.
- Advocate for the Ching Tien Foundation for Women, commit to volunteer for the Foundation, and undertake interview and speaking opportunities to help promote the Foundation upon request.

It is the applicant's responsibility to pass required English language proficiency tests and obtain an acceptance offered from an accredited university before submitting application.

How to Apply:

Applications are accepted year-round

Access information on the Foundation and application: www.chingtienfoundation.com

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