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Part One. Program Description

I. About the Program

Introduction of the Program

The Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China for developing countries initiated in 2008 is designed to offer one-year and two-year master programs as well as three-year doctoral programs for the purpose of educating high-end and inter-disciplinary talents working in the applied fields of government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture and health, building intellectual capacity and facilitating the economic and social development of the recipient countries. These programs provide assistance to governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel on their master and doctoral education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, relevant work experience, and decent physical conditions, which are essential for the intense study needed for obtaining the degrees.

These graduates are now working in their fields of specialization in their home countries and are undertaking an increasingly significant role in the economic development cooperation between China and their home countries. The Shanghai National Accounting Institute launched the two-year "Master of Professional Accounting Program" in 2015. So far 134 government officials, scholars and managerial personnels from developing countries have been admitted to the program.

In view of the positive effects and good results brought by these programs in strengthening economic ties and friendship between China and the recipient countries, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China will continuously intensify its efforts in improving the quality of education. We believe that by participating in the program and obtaining the degree, you will be able to acquire professional knowledge and expertise, thereby realizing your life value and purpose and in the meantime contributing to the social and economic development of your own countries.

Prospective Students

Government officials, managerial personnels from state-owned enterprises as well as researchers or university lecturers from developing countries with bachelor's degree or above in the field of economics, management etc. Applicants with government work experience or policy making experience are preferred.

Program Objective

The Program is designed to train experienced, application-oriented and high-caliber talents in the field of accounting, finance and management to be financial managers, researchers or policy-makers with profound expertise and strong analytical and decision making ability.

Enrollment Plan

We plan to enroll a maximum of 30 students in our two-year full-time Master of Professional Accounting Program.



Financial Aid

The Chinese Ministry of Commerce will provide "Chinese Government Scholarships" to admitted students from developing countries. The scholarship recipient is entitled to:

- Tuition waiver.
- Teaching material fee waiver.
- Field study fee waiver.
- Dissertation guidance fee waiver.
- One-off resettlement fee of 3000 RMB.
- Free on-campus accommodation.
- Stipend: 36000 RMB per year per master student.
- Free medical insurance for international students.
- One-time round-trip international airfare for all the students (first time fly to China after enrollment, and fly back to home country upon graduation), and a maximum of "n-1" ("n" is for the length of schooling year which is set while the student was enrolled by the program) round-trip international airfares for home visits.
- The annual review is compulsory for all students. Those who pass the review may continue to enjoy full scholarships in the next year.
- Other expenses shall be managed and used by the Ministry of Commerce or the universities as a whole, and shall not be distributed to students. The Ministry of Commerce only provides students with financial assistance within their enrolled academic duration. Students who postpone their graduation will not receive the continuing sponsorship.

II. Introduction of the Institute

About SNAI

The Shanghai National Accounting Institute (SNAI) was officially established in September 2000 with the strong support of the Chinese government. It is a public service institution affiliated to the Ministry of Finance of China (MOF). With the Finance Minister sitting on the Board of



National Accounting Institutes as the Board Chairman, SNAI President is accountable for the operation of the Institute under the leadership of the SNAI Party Committee. Since 2011, SNAI has been approved by the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council as the institute for conferring Master's degrees in Professional Accounting, Auditing, Tax and Finance. Looking forward, SNAI will continue to make unremitting efforts to build it into a leading accounting institute with international recognition, which constitutes the realization of four sub-goals as being a highland in bringing up top accounting talents in China, a think tank for national accounting policymaking and corporate finance, a nationwide knowledge and information hub on accounting, and an international platform for communication and exchange in accounting.

About AFDI

The Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute (AFDI) which is co-located at SNAI, was initiated by the Chinese Central Government for capacity building under the APEC framework. Since the establishment in 2001, AFDI has conducted various capacity building trainings, seminars, forums and research on regional financial and development issues. Not only have these efforts facilitated knowledge and experience exchange, but also enhanced mutual understanding among the developing countries. In 2015, AFDI launched the Master of Professional Accounting Program, which has been approved as one of the “Master’s Program for Developing Countries” by the Ministry of Commerce. The Program aims to provide professional Master’s degree education to the young and mid-aged finance officials in the world.

Environment and Facilities

With a humid subtropical monsoon climate, Shanghai has a very pleasant climate with four distinct seasons. Shanghai enjoys abundant sunshine and rainfall throughout the year. The spring and autumn in Shanghai are relatively short with longer summer and winter. More than 60% of the rainfall in the whole year concentrated in the flood season from May to September. The hottest seasons are from July to August with more than 10 days above 35 °C per year. The coldest seasons are from late December to the end of February.

SNAI campus covers an area of 34.67 hectares and a floor area of 87,000 square meters. Its geographical location is favorable, being adjacent to Shanghai Hongqiao

International Airport and National Exhibition and Convention Center. The park-like campus is equipped with first-class teaching and learning facilities, as well as single room accommodations with 24-hour air conditioning, hot water and wide-band network for the international students during their schooling.

III. Education Plan

Program Structure

The program consists of four semesters with a total of 44 credits, including Public Core Courses, 11 credits; Professional Courses I, 19 credits; Professional Courses II, 13 credits; Elective Course, 1 credit. The minimum credit requirement to complete the degree is 42 credits.

Course Type	Course Title	Credits	Semester			
			1	2	3	4
Public Core Courses	Chinese Language	8	√	√	√	
	Introduction to China	3	√	√		
	Subtotal: 2 courses	11				
Professional Courses I	Theory and Practice of Financial Accounting	2	√			
	Theory and Practice of Corporate Finance	2		√		
	Theory and Practice of Auditing	1		√		
	Theory and Practice of Management Accounting	2		√		
	International Accounting Standards and Comparison	2		√		
	Macro-economics	2	√			
	Thematic Lectures on Finance and Economics	2	√	√	√	√
	On-site Teaching of China's Reform and Development	4	√	√	√	√
	Information Retrieval and Thesis Writing	2	√	√	√	
Subtotal: 9 courses	19					
Professional Courses II	International Financial Cooperation	2	√			
	Financial Markets and Instruments	2	√			
	Strategy Management and Leadership	2		√		
	Development Economics	1		√		
	Financial System Reform in China	2			√	
	International Business	2			√	
	Asian Development Bank Lecture Series on Development	2			√	
Subtotal: 7 courses	13					
Electives	Principles of Accounting	1	√			
	Subtotal: 1 course	1				
Total		44	Minimum credit requirement for obtaining master's degree is 42.			

Note: Courses may vary slightly from one year to another and subject to the final approval by the SNAI Academic Committee. Please check the announcement of the Department of International Graduate Education.



Instructors:

Number	Instructors	Courses
1	Dr. JIN Zhijun	Chinese Language
2	Prof. ZHAO Hongjun	Introduction to China
3	Eunice CHU LIU Qinghua	Theory and Practice of Financial Accounting
4	Dr. HUANG Changyin	Theory and Practice of Corporate Finance/ Principles of Accounting
5	Prof. SONG Deliang	Theory and Practice of Auditing
6	Prof. TONG Chengsheng Dr. George LIU	Theory and Practice of Management Accounting
7	Prof. YE Jianfang	International Accounting Standards and Comparison
8	Prof. ZHANG Min	Macro-economics
9	SNAI Faculty	Thematic Lectures on Finance and Economics
10	Dr. ZHENG Gong	On-site Teaching of China's Reform and Development
11	Prof. WANG Lei Prof. XU Xianguang	Information Retrieval and Thesis Writing
12	Dr. ROBERT WHITOL	International Financial Cooperation
13	Dr. ZHOU Yun	Financial Markets and Instruments
14	Prof. LI Kouqing	Strategy Management and Leadership
15	Dr. YAO Xianbin	Development Economics
16	Prof. XU Mingqi	Financial System Reform in China
17	Prof. CAO Shengrong	International Business
18	Experts from Asian Development Bank	Asian Development Bank Lecture Series on Development

Note: The above Program courses and instructors may subject to some minor changes.

Program Mode

The language of instruction is English. Classes will incorporate a mix of lectures, seminars, field visits and so on. The international students can also select some SNAI MPAcc courses taught in Chinese according to their proficiency of the Chinese language.

Program Semesters

The program lasts for two years and is divided into four semesters. While the first three semesters focus on course learning, including a one-week long field study in each semester, and the last one focuses on thesis writing. The program schedule is as follows:

The First Academic Year	The 1 st Semester	Sept. 2021- Jan. 2022	Registration in Sept.
	Winter Vacation	Jan. - Feb. 2022	Winter Vacation
	The 2 nd Semester	Mar. -Jul. 2022	
The Second Academic Year	Summer Vacation	Jul. - Aug. 2022	Summer Vacation
	The 3 rd Semester	Sept. 2022 - Jan. 2023	
	Winter Vacation	Jan. - Feb. 2023	Winter Vacation
	The 4 th Semester	Mar. - Jul. 2023	Graduation in July

Degree Thesis

1) General Requirements of Degree Thesis

Students are expected to bring specific research topics concerning accounting or financial management to the program, as a part of thesis research preparation. They will write a thesis on a special topic independently under the guidance of their supervisors using the theory and practice of accounting and related disciplines. In some special cases, it could also be research report, or case analysis report with high standards. The thesis should be written in English with no less than 15,000 words.

2) Degree Thesis Defense

Degree thesis defense takes place in SNAI. A committee for Degree Thesis Defense shall comprise three to five experts with equivalent qualifications in the subject or relevant subjects, including one or two external experts who are from practitioner organizations and have senior professional and technical titles.

Degree Requirements

Students are required to successfully complete a minimum of 42 credits of course work, a master thesis and thesis defense within the required period. After meeting the above requirements and receiving the approval of SNAI Academic Degree Evaluation Committee, the Master Degree of Professional Accounting will be awarded.

Part Two. Application

I. Requirement

All applicants must meet the following entrance requirements:

1. Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens under 45 years old (born after September 1, 1976).
2. Applicants are required to have a valid passport, abide by the laws and decrees of the People's Republic of China as well as the rules and regulations of Shanghai National Accounting Institute, and respect the Chinese manners and customs.
3. Applicants must have attained a Bachelor's degree or above.
4. Applicants are required to have a strong English proficiency that would enable them to attend the courses taught in English. (suggested standard: IELTS score above 6.0 or TOEFL IBT score above 80)
5. All applicants shall be in good physical conditions and carry no infectious diseases 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, and be able to submit the physical examination form issued by the local public hospital. The applicants with severe physical disability, hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer and other serious chronic diseases, mental diseases or infectious diseases that may cause serious public health hazards and those who are under the recovery of major surgical treatment and during acute exacerbation or pregnancy are not suggested to apply for the program. If students are pregnant during the study in China, they will be expelled from the university according to the relevant regulations.
6. Applicants with relevant study or work experience to the program are preferred.
7. Applicants should be mid-to-senior level government officials, senior managers

at public institutions and enterprises, academicians at universities and research institutions.

8. Applicants should have potential for career development in their own fields and are willing to promote the communication and cooperation between China and their home countries.
9. Those who have already studied in China before or enrolled by other China Government Scholarship Program should not apply for this program.
10. Only applicants recognized by the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of the Chinese Embassy in the country that accords with the candidate's nationality will be considered.

II. Procedure

Application to SNAI

1. Fill the "Application Form of Master Program in Professional Accounting in Shanghai National Accounting Institute", then print, sign and attach a 2-inch photo on it.
2. Email to masterprogram@snai.edu for the Application Form.
3. Submit the application materials to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of the Chinese Embassy in your own country.

Application to Chinese Government Scholarship

Please visit the online application system of Chinese Scholarship Council at <http://www.csc.edu.cn/Laihua/>, and register for an account. Click "Application online" to start the application; fill in all the required information, and an application form will be automatically created; print out the form, sign your name and date, and then attach a recent photo on it. To complete the form successfully, please note the following information:

1. The Program Category is Type B. The Agency No. of Shanghai National Accounting Institute is 80402.
2. For the master program, Discipline is "Management" and Major is "Accounting".
3. The CSC Code generated in the form shall be used when filling the JW 201 form for visa application.

Materials

Documents		Requirements	Original copy	Photocopy
1	Application form	Fill in the “Application Form of Master of Professional Accounting Program of Shanghai National Accounting Institute” with the complete information, then print out and sign your name and date.	1	1
2	Graduation certificate & degree diploma	1. Graduation certificate and degree diploma must be original documents or notarized copies either in Chinese or in English; 2. Applicants expecting to graduate should provide an official letter of certification stating expected graduation date.	1	1
3	Official academic transcripts	1. The transcripts must be original documents or notarized copies either in Chinese or in English. 2. The transcripts should include a full list of courses taken and standard achieved.	1	1
4	Personal statement	1500 words in English. Please make a detailed statement from the perspectives of your academic background, work/research experience and achievements, future career plans, etc.	1	1
5	Research plan	Please write your expected learning and research mission during your study in China	1	1
6	CV	In English.	1	0
7	Recommendation letters	1. Two recommendation letters, one from a government official at the Deputy Director-General level or above, the other from a professor or an associate professor in field of economics (or management). 2. The recommendation letter must be original documents either in Chinese or English.	2	2
8	Copies of English language proficiency test results	If the applicants are not native English speakers or whose instruction media of tertiary education is not English, then a proof of English proficiency need to be demonstrated. (TOEFL iBT, IELTS or GRE score are desirable but not compulsory.)	1	1
9	Photocopy of valid passport	The passport type must be ordinary. Important: All successful candidates should enter in China and register with SNAI with the same identity they used for applying for the master program at SNAI.	0	2
10	Recent passport size photos	One photo should be stuck on the application form.	2	0
11	Physical examination form	The physical examination result should be within one month and prove that the applicant has no serious infectious disease or physical disability that could affect the study or other diseases that prohibited by China’s Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations	1	1

Submission

1. Applicants can only apply for the scholarship program after obtaining approval and recommendation from the relevant departments of government responsible for this affair and submit the application materials according to the specific requirements of the relevant departments of their home country.
2. If the government allows individual applicants to submit materials directly to the Chinese Embassy, the applicant must obtain the relevant certificate or recommendation letter from their home country for permission to study in China. The applicants need to submit all the application materials listed in the above table in both hard copy and scanned copy to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of the Chinese Embassy. Hard copy must include both the original copy and the photocopy, as indicated in the table.
3. The relevant government departments need to submit a written request to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter and clearly state:
 - Whether the applicant is willing to be considered for a similar program at other universities if the spaces in SNAI program are full.
 - Other special requests if any.



**Reminders:**

1. All the documents to be submitted should be either in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.
2. The original documents of degrees, diploma transcripts and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification at the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of the Chinese Embassy; Applicants should send the scanned copies of all documents to the contact person of the program after the verification.
3. Applicants will get back all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and photocopies from the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office. If admitted, they must take the documents to China and submit them to the Department of International Graduate Education of SNAI during the registration.

III. Deadline

The application deadline for the master program is April 30, 2021.

Part Three. Important Info

I. Contacts

Contact persons:

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Ms. Kenan XU

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Fax: (86-21) 69768233

Website: https://www.snai.edu/AFDI_English.aspx

Address: 200 Panlong Road, Qingpu District, Shanghai, 201702, P.R. China

II. Notes

1. All the application materials will not be returned whether the applicant is accepted or not.
2. No explanation will be made by the Chinese Government regarding admission results.
3. Students are not allowed to bring his/her spouse or children to accompany them while studying in China. If a student expects to have his/her spouse, children, relatives or friends to visit him/her during the stay in Shanghai, the visitor will have to bear all the expenses by him/herself.
4. Students admitted to the program should strictly adhere to the relevant laws and regulations regarding China's public health security.
5. The admission materials will include other necessary documents for visa processing.





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