



Master of Development and Governance

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Renmin University of China**

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I Program Description

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Degree Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China, first initiated in 2008, is designed to foster high-end business officials and managerial personnel for the recipient countries, offering one-year and two-year master programs as well as three-year doctoral programs for the purpose of educating high-end and inter-disciplinary talent 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 a platform for governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel on their master and doctor education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, relevant working experiences, and good physical conditions, essential for the high-compact curriculum needed for the degrees.

Graduates of these programs are now working in their specialties back in home and undertaking an increasingly significant role in the economic development cooperation between China and their home countries.

Master of Development and Governance

Supported by the national government of China, the Master of Development and Governance program is designed to provide future leaders of developing countries with technical training in the economics of development. Drawing on lessons from the Chinese experience, the program seeks to equip students with a strong theoretical and practical grounding in economics and policy analysis. Students are provided with a combination of intimate classroom instruction from world-class faculty and personal guidance from dedicated faculty and practitioner mentors - all in the setting of the world's most vibrant and fastest growing economy. Graduates of the program are prepared to pursue rewarding careers in public service in their home country or in international agencies, NGOs, or private sector organizations in developing countries.

Prospective Students:

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Our prospective students are mid-to-senior level officials or managers from the government, the media, NGOs, and other public sectors, who have demonstrated superior performance, both academically and in their work. By the time of matriculation, each must have obtained an undergraduate bachelor's degree.

Program Objective:

To prepare policy makers and practitioners for developing countries.

Enrollment Plan:

In 2020, we have planned to enroll up to 25 students in Master of Development and Governance program, duration of which is two years.

Financial Aid:

The Ministry of Commerce PRC will sponsor universities' teaching and managerial costs, students' basic living allowance and international air tickets.

Students are waived of tuition fee, teaching materials cost, field study cost and thesis guidance fees. Free accommodation on campus is provide for students. The university will purchase comprehensive medical insurance on students' behalf. Monthly stipend is 36000RMB/year. There is also a settlement allowance of 3000RMB/person. Students can enjoy two round-trip international air tickets, and one of them is usually set at the end of the first academic year. Except monthly stipend and settlement allowance, all other funding are used for the program by the Ministry of Commerce and the university, rather than being given to the students directly. The Ministry of Commerce PRC only provides funding for students within two years. No further funding is available for students who postponed their due graduation.

II University Profile

1) Renmin University of China

Located in Beijing, the national capital of China, Renmin University of China is a research-oriented comprehensive university focusing on humanities and social sciences. It is directly under the Ministry of Education of China and is jointly financed and supported by China's Ministry of Education and the Beijing Municipal government. It can be traced back to Shanbei Public School, founded in 1937 in the midst of Anti-Japanese War. On October 3rd, 1950, the North China University was

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renamed as Renmin University of China. It was the first modern university founded by the People's Republic of China.

With nine first-tier disciplines ranking No. 1 nationwide, Renmin University is well placed to become an influential leader in the Chinese humanities and social sciences. The university's overriding tasks have consistently been the pursuit of truth and progress, cultural transmission and educating the country's future elites. RUC is an important base for training high-caliber professionals in the social sciences and humanities and houses a number of influential research centers and think tanks.

Up to September, 2017, the RUC has a staff of 1883 which includes 659 full professors and 773 associate professors. The RUC has an enrollment of 22,749 students, which breaks into 9558 undergraduate students, 7890 master students and 3810 doctoral candidates, as well as 1491 overseas students.

2) School of Economics

Founded in 1939 as the political economy research division of the Northern-Shanxi public school, the Renmin University School of Economics has been at the center of China's economic transformation. It has a reputation for excellence in research and teaching. In official assessments conducted by the Ministry of Education, the school of economics has consistently ranked #1 in both theoretical and applied economics, respectively in the year of 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2017.

Renmin University of China is recognized throughout the country for pioneering the advancement and development of theoretical economics in China. With an invaluable faculty body, which is dynamic and diverse, School of Economics has always been an important base for economic teaching and research in the country. Among its faculty members, there are 61 full professors and 52 associate professors.

The School of Economics trains and cultivates some of the country's top students, many of whom go on to become leaders in government and business. Currently, the School of Economics is home to approximately 2000 students, including 1000 undergraduates, 500 master students, 400 doctoral students and nearly 150 students from abroad.

The School of Economics has established partnerships with more than 50 well-known universities in more than 30 countries, including Europe, the United States, Japan and Australia, and also has good cooperation with domestic government departments, well-known enterprises, financial and research institutions. The China Macroeconomic Forum, the "Belt and Road" Economic Forum, the Political Economy Forum, the World Economic Forum, thematic lectures on development theory and Chinese practice, and the International Cooperation Case Center for Small and Medium Enterprises established by the college have received good social response.

3) Life on Campus

The Renmin campus is located in Beijing's Haidian District. The capital city Beijing is typical of the continental monsoon climate, hot and humid in summer, cold and dry in winter, with very short spring and autumn. Its maximum temperature is generally between 35 ~ 40 °C and extreme minimum temperature is generally between -14 ~ -20 °C.

Students will stay in the newly built International Cultural Exchange Center (Korea Hall). Each student is equipped with one single bedroom with bathroom. The center opened in September 2009, with a total construction area of 17,847 square meters. It has a communal kitchen, communal laundry room, coffee shop, convenience store, gym and so on.

Renmin University of China has plenty of learning spaces, a total of four teaching buildings, mainly in the center of the campus, convenient for students to commute. Renmin Library, with a total construction area of about 45,000 square meters, possess a collection of 2 million books in humanities and social sciences. In addition, the library also set up a number of study rooms, seminar rooms, theaters, and lounges.

Many western style restaurants and cafe shops are located in the Renmin campus. Korea Hall gym, Century Gymnasium, badminton, table tennis, basketball, volleyball, soccer, tennis and other ball games venues are available on campus.

III Education Plan

1) Program Coursework:

The program requires at least 38 credits:

- General coursework – 7 credits.
- Core courses – 21 credits.
- Elective courses – 8 credits.
- Social Practice – 2 credits.

In addition to providing students with an understanding of economic theory, economics coursework focuses on the Chinese development experience and China's Economic Growth Model. Specifically, the program introduces students to China's economic development and reformation process and China's economic system, and

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development policy. With lessons from China's development experience, lectures and class discussions explore the applications of these lessons to the context of other developing and transition countries.

Details of required coursework is as follows:

General Courses (7 Credits)

Course Name	Credits
Contemporary Chinese Politics	3
Foreign Language	4

Core Courses (Not less than 21 Credits)

Course Name	Credits
Statistics and Econometrics	3
Applied Microeconomics	3
Applied Macroeconomics	3
Frontier of Development Economics	3
Institution, Reform and Transformation	3
Economic Development: Comparison between China and the World	2
Contemporary Chinese Economy	3
Thesis Writing and Standardization	1

Elective Courses (Not less than 8 Credits)

Course Name	Credits
Macroeconomic Theory and Policy	2
Open Economics	2
Development Microeconomics	3
Economics of Poverty	2
Behavioral and Experimental Economics	2
Studies on Xi Jinping Thoughts on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era	2
Studies on Xi Jinping Major Discourses on Education	2

Social Practice (2 Credits)

Course Name	Credits
Social Practice	2

2) Faculty Team:

Students in the Master of Economic Development program are mentored by some of the top faculty in China. Faculty in the School of Economics are accomplished academics and authoritative experts in their fields who are involved in leading important research initiatives and major national projects. Nearly one-third of the faculty were trained and earned their degrees from top universities overseas.

The faculty team includes leading professors with high national honors, including:

Professor Wei Liu, named a “Yangtze River Scholar”;

Professor Ruilong Yang, named a “Yangtze River Scholar”;

Professor Taiyan Huang, named a “Yangtze River Scholar”;

Professor Yuanchun Liu, also named a “Yangtze River Scholar”;

Professor Genliang Jia, named a “Yangtze River Scholar”;

And more...

As well as faculty trained in top universities overseas:

Ran Tao, University of Chicago;

Fangwen Lu, University of California Berkeley;

Yang Song, Cornell University;

Kai Liu, University of Cambridge;

Lunyu Xie, University of California Berkeley;

And more...

In addition, the School has five emeritus professors who are Nobel Prize Laureates in economics:

Reinhard Selten

Amartya Sen

Robert Mundell

Daniel McFadden

Joseph Stiglitz.

3) Student Support:

Academic and Professional Guidance:

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The purpose of this program is to train top-level applied professionals who have a solid theoretical foundation of economics and applied skills as well as an understanding of Chinese society and culture, and able to grasp and analyze the status quo and policies of economic development in developing countries.

In addition to class lectures, research tours are another highlight of this program. During the two-year study, our school organizes students to visit government agencies, factories and learn about the cultural and historical heritage of modern China. Students will have the opportunity to know about local economy and industrial development, so that they can have a more intuitive understanding of the development status of different cities in China, which will further contribute to their study of economic theories.

The School of Economics also organizes regular forums and seminars in all fields of economics every year. These activities always keep track of the international academic frontiers, and invite students to participate in, which can effectively mobilize students' learning and research initiative.

In the dissertation writing,

1. Thesis supervisors can help students to explore their research theme, and give detailed instruction for students to collect and read relevant reference materials.
2. Make the necessary review of the essay written by students, and give them guidance in terms of overall structure and research tools.
3. Monitor the progress of thesis writing regularly, help students modify and polish the essay to meet university's requirements.

Research Support:

Students in the program have the opportunity to participate in research projects through the School's "Belt and Road" Economic Research Institute. Students are encouraged to conduct research on development in their own countries under the guidance of their faculty mentor and the Institute.

Living Support:

Adjusting to living in a new country can be a challenge. To make the transition to living in Beijing easier, the School provides living assistants for students in the program. These assistants help students to get established in Beijing and solve problems in daily life.

4) Alumni Network

In addition to professional training in economics, participation in the program offers students a great networking platform and opportunities to come into contact with alumni. The School of Economics has held foreign aid programs for more than ten years and has many outstanding alumni, including

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Mr. M. Mohamed Saïl Fofana, a member of the “Seminar on Trade Facilitation for African Countries” in 2006, who was elected Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea in 2010;

Mr. Guerrero Jorge Hidalgo, who participated in a training program in the School in 2002, was appointed as General Consul of the Republic of Ecuador in Shanghai in 2009.

5) Field Study

Field trips will be arranged for students to visit business corporations, special economic zones, Chinese government agencies, etc., to gain first-hand knowledge of how Chinese economy operates under various changing conditions in the big picture of its reform and opening-up process.

6) Academic Calendar

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

There are two academic semesters in Renmin University. Spring semester starts from the end of February to the beginning of July, while fall semester starts from the beginning of September and ends in the end of January. In between, there are summer and winter break.

7) Thesis

Master thesis: By the end of the second semester, a student shall choose a professor as his/her supervisor, and determine the subject matter on the basis of a real world problem in economics to be solved in China or in his/her own countries. In the fourth semester, students are expected to complete their theses and each pass an oral defense.

Thesis or dissertation shall be written in English.

8) Degree

A master degree of economics will be conferred upon a candidate in the master program after his/her successful completion of required credits and thesis.

IV Application

1. Requirement

All applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

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- 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 program must have attained a Bachelor 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 proof of English proficiency;
- 4) 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. Persons with severe hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer and other severe chronic diseases, mental diseases or infectious diseases that may cause major harm to public health, and persons in recovery period from major surgeries and acute diseases, disabled persons and pregnant women are not recommended to apply for the program.
- 5) Only applicants recommended by the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of Chinese Embassy in the country that accords with the candidate's nationality will be considered.

2. Procedure

1) Application to Renmin University of China

Please finish the application online, <http://iso.ruc.edu.cn/English/>, click "Apply", choose "Master's program in English", create a new account, submit all the necessary information, print out and sign the form.

Useful information:

Please choose the program "Master of Development and Governance program".

2) Application to Chinese Government Scholarship

Please visit the online application system of Chinese Scholarship Council at <http://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login>, and create an account. Select the program "Application online" and fill in all the required information, and an application form will come into being.

To complete the form successfully, please note the following information:

- (1) The program category is "Type B";
- (2) The agency No. of Renmin University of China is 10002;
- (3) Discipline of our program is "Economics",
Major is "Development Economics";

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Print out the form, put on a hand-written name and date, and then post a photo on it.

3) Materials

Documents		Requirements	Original copy	Photocopy
1	Renmin Application Form	Please fill in the application form, print it out, sign, date, and post a photo on it.	1	0
2	Chinese Government Scholarship Application Form	Please visit http://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login , fill in the application form, print it out, sign, date, and post a photo on it.	1	0
3	Degree	Scanned copy of your bachelor degree.	1	1
4	Official Transcripts	Transcripts must list all courses taken and all scores obtained.	1	1
5	Personal Statement	A personal statement indicating education and working experience, research achievement, plans and personal development objectives after graduation.	1	0
6	CV	In English.	1	0
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	0
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 Examination Form	The health form shall be issued within one month before the submission of application, showing that the applicant carries 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.	1	0
10	Photocopy of a Valid Passport	The passport must be a personal regular passport. Diplomatic and official passport can not be used. All successful candidates must enter China and register with Renmin University using the same passport as used for applying for the program.	0	1
11	ID photos	Two-inch (passport size) photos	4	0

4) Submission

- 1) Submit all the application materials listed in the above table in hard copy to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of 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 Counsellor's Offices, please visit <http://www.china-aibo.cn>.
- 2) Submit a written request to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter and clearly state: whether

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the applicant is willing to be considered for a similar program at other universities if the program at Renmin University is already full.

Reminders:

- 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.
- c) 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 immediately email the scanned copy of all the application materials to the contact person in Renmin University. And they need to take the documents to China and submit them to School of Economics, Renmin University of China during registration in early September.
- d) None of the materials submitted to the School of Economics, Renmin University of China will be returned. For important documents such as degrees and transcripts, a scanned copy will be accepted as a replacement of the original copy. In this case, the original copy must be presented for on-site verification.

3. Deadlines

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

V Contact

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