

**Shanghai Conservatory of Music**  
**Admission Brochure of Master's and Doctoral Degree Programs**  
**for International Applicants 2025**

**I. Applicant Eligibility**

1) Applicants should be non-Chinese citizens with a valid foreign passport. Chinese citizens with only a permanent resident card from another country shall not be deemed eligible international candidates.

2) Applicants for Master's programs (hereinafter referred to as Master candidates) are required to hold a degree equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree in China.

Applicants for Doctoral programs (hereinafter referred to as Doctoral candidates) should have a degree equivalent to a Master's Degree in China.

Please note that Master's and Doctoral programs do not accept applications from those who do not meet the above-mentioned degree requirements.

3) Applicants should be at least 18 years old, without any criminal record, well-behaved, and mentally and physically healthy. Applicants must abide by the laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China, as well as the rules and regulations of the SHCM.

4) Applicants for Doctoral programs should submit two letters of recommendation from professors (or experts with equivalent titles) specialized in the field they are applying for. Applicants for Master's programs need to provide two letters of recommendation from associate professors (or experts with equivalent or higher titles) specialized in the field they are applying for.

5) Applicants for Doctoral programs must obtain a New HSK Level 5 Certificate with a score of 180 points or above.

Applicants for Master's programs must obtain a New HSK Level 4 Certificate with a score of at least 210 points.

However, those who have completed a degree program taught in Chinese at a Chinese university can present a stamped certificate issued by their institution instead of the HSK certificate.

**II. Majors and Categories of the Graduate Programs**

1) For detailed information about the disciplines, majors, and fields of study, please refer to the *Shanghai Conservatory of Music Admission Brochure of Master's Degree Programs for 2025* and *Shanghai Conservatory of Music Admission Brochure of Doctoral Degree Programs 2024*, which are available on the website of the SHCM Division of the Graduate Study Programs.

2) Category: Full-time Doctoral degree programs / Full-time Master's degree programs

### III. Application Procedure

The application process includes two steps, namely, submission of application materials online and payment of the application fee. The application will be deemed complete only when both steps are taken.

► Note: Each applicant can apply for only one major; application for a second major will not be accepted.

#### 1) Online Submission of Application Materials

Eligible applicants should register and upload the scanned copy of all the required documents on the SHCM Graduate Program Admission System (<https://yjszs.shcmusic.edu.cn/>) during the period **between February 24 and March 7, 2025**. Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with Chinese or English translations.

★ Application materials include

- a) An application statement including study and work experience, no more than 1,000 Chinese characters.
- b) A scanned copy of the passport information page along with all pages that contain entry/exit of China stamps. The passport should be valid until September 2025 or later. If the validity of the applicant's current passport does not meet this requirement (meaning the passport expires before September 2025), please apply for a new passport before submitting the application.
- c) A scanned copy of the *Foreigner Physical Examination Form* (See the attachment). The result of the physical examination is valid for 6 months.
- d) A valid Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK) Certificate or a certificate proving completion of a Chinese-taught degree program. (This item should be submitted no later than May 31, 2025).
- e) A recently-taken colored passport-size photo (full face, front view, bare head) in JPG format. Ensure it is clear and undamaged.
- f) A scanned copy of the original degree or diploma in your previous stage of study (schooling certificate or intended graduation certificate for upcoming graduates).
- g) A scanned copy of your academic transcripts from undergraduate programs onwards.
- h) Dissertations, theses, graduation works, or recording of you graduation concerts (Upcoming graduates don't need to provide all of these).
- i) Comprehensive evaluation materials (see Appendix for details).
- j) Two letters of recommendation (See the attachment).
- k) A research proposal, or an art practice and study plan, for your master's or doctoral program.
- l) Non-criminal Record Report

m) Statement of Financial Support.

## **2) Application Fee Payment**

Application Fee: RMB 600 yuan.

Please make the payment via bank transfer to the following account between February 24 and March 7, 2025, as cash payment will not be accepted.

This fee is non-refundable whether you take the exam or not.

Please mark the applicant's name and "Application fee for 2025 International Master's or Doctoral Program" when making the payment.

Account Information:

Beneficiary Name: Shanghai Conservatory of Music

Bank Account No.: 453362703070

Beneficiary Bank: Bank of China, Sub-Branch of Huaihai Road, Shanghai

Swift Code: BKCHCNBJ300

## **IV. Entrance Exam**

- 1) The exam will consist of two rounds: the preliminary round and the second round. Both rounds are scheduled to take place in mid-March 2025.
- 2) The preliminary round will involve a comprehensive review of the application materials. Please refer to the Appendix for detailed information on the application materials.
- 3) The second round will be conducted as an online interview. Please refer to the Appendix for details on the examination requirements. Any further updates regarding the exam will be posted on the website of the SHCM Division of the Graduate Study Programs.

## **V. Admission and Enrollment**

Admission decisions will be made on the basis of competitive selection according to the candidate's application materials, exam results, review of their moral character, and physical examination results.

Admitted applicants will receive an Admission Letter. Please strictly observe the requirements provided therein.

Health and eligibility verification will be conducted after your registration at the SHCM in the upcoming semester. Those who fail to meet the admission requirements will be disqualified.

## **VI. Program Duration and Tuition**

### ➤ Doctoral Program

Study period: 3 to 6 years

Tuition fee: RMB 48,000 per academic year

### ➤ Master's Program

Study period: 3 years

Tuition fee: RMB 40,000 per academic year

## **VII. Special Note**

- 1) Any measures related to student enrollment are subject to the latest documents issued by the relevant departments and the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. In case new policies are issued by the competent authorities after this brochure is announced, our admission rules will be adjusted accordingly, and the updated version will be published online.
- 2) Please stay tuned for any possible updates, which will be posted on the SHCM Division of the Graduate Study Programs website.

## **VIII. Contact**

### **Admissions Office of Division of the Graduate Study Programs of Shanghai Conservatory of Music**

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## Appendix: Detailed Requirements for the Entrance Exam

### I. Preliminary Round

Comprehensive evaluation materials:

Disciplines and Majors	Basic Materials	Art Achievements
1301 Art Theory	1) Academic Papers: Three papers are required for Doctoral candidates and two papers are required for Master candidates. 2) Research proposal for your doctoral or master's degree. 3) In addition to the above-mentioned materials, those who intend to major in Composition Technology and Theories should also submit the score of a quartet or a music work with higher complexity (no less than 5 minutes in length).	1) Academic achievements 2) Art practice achievements
1352 Music Performance 1354 Drama and Film	1) An academic paper on topics related to your major 2) Audio-visual materials that best demonstrate your professional ability, such as composition, conducting, and performance. Doctoral candidates should submit recordings of at least 50 minutes, and Master candidates should submit recordings of at least 40 minutes. 3) Art practice and study plan for your doctoral or master's degree.	1) Academic achievements 2) Art practice achievements

### **Note on Basic Materials**

- 1) Entries under the Basic Materials are necessary. Applicants must submit all these materials to be considered for the application.
- 2) The same paper cannot be submitted twice as both the basic material and academic achievement.

### **Note on Art Achievements**

- 1) Academic achievements can include published papers, publications, audio-visual products, and research projects, among others. Art practice achievements include prizes and awards in professional competitions, major artistic events, and original compositions that have been publicly performed.
- 2) You are allowed to present a maximum of 5 items for each category, meaning that you can list up to 5 academic achievements and up to 5 art practice achievements, with a scanned copy of relevant certificate or proof document attached.

## **II. Second Round**

### **1301 Art Theory**

The Second-Round exam for students majoring in art theory and related specializations will be in the form of an interview. Candidates will be required to make a presentation with a PowerPoint file based on their research proposal and then answer the examiner's questions. The presentation should not exceed 8 minutes, while the Q&A session should not exceed 7 minutes.

### **1352 Music Performance & 1354 Drama and Film**

Auditions will be held to evaluate the professional competence of students majoring in conducting and music performance. For students in other specializations, a comprehensive interview will be conducted, during which they will deliver an 8-minute PowerPoint presentation based on their art practice and study plan, followed by a 7-minute Q&A session with the examiner.