

Study on Scholarship Model of International Students in Developed Countries

Jun Liu

Fuzhou University of International Studies and Trade, Fuzhou 350000, Fujian, China

Abstract: Through comparative analysis of scholarship characteristics, application conditions, application methods and main models of international students in major developed countries, the success of scholarship models of international students in major developed countries is summarized, which provides a certain degree of reference for the scholarship system of international students in other countries.

Keywords: Developed Countries; Scholarship Model for International Students; Comparative Analysis Method.

1. Scholarship Model for American Students

1.1. The Development of Scholarships for American Students

1.1.1. Embryonic Stage

Before the formal establishment of the United States of America, due to the colonial oppression of the United States, the level of economic development is not high, the state's funding for education is not strong, although some charitable people set up scholarships in universities, but because of the small number and scale, there is not a formal opening of the American scholarship era.

1.1.2. Initial Construction Period

After the victory of the American Civil War and the liberation from colonial rule, the United States began to pay new attention to the development of education, and implemented different levels of funding for education at various levels. The land Grant Act of 1862 and the Incubation Act of 1887 were both different levels and types of funding for American education by the American government. These different kinds of educational funding rules and regulations ushered in the American scholarship era.

1.1.3. Period of Development

After the First World War, the United States began to focus on various domestic developments, one of the most important aspects of which was education. Many laws and regulations were even issued to support the development of education. Many proposals on student aid were put on the agenda, and many universities and colleges received increasing scholarship support from various social sources. Moreover, some methods and systems concerning the awarding and allocation of scholarships have been widely used.

1.1.4. Maturity Period

During this period, the scholarship system in the United States was relatively perfect and mature, with all-round development in all aspects, and the funding sources and issuing units of scholarships were constantly enriched and expanded, including the National Defense Education Act of 1958, the amendment of the American Higher Education Act of 1972, and the National Defense Education Act of 1972. The Middle-class Student Aid Act of 1978, and the Student Loan Harmonization Amendment Act of 1989, both expanded

the scope and number of scholarships available.

1.2. Types, Amounts and Application Methods of Scholarships for American Students

1.2.1. Full Scholarship

Full-award scholarships are generally the most difficult and relatively large to apply for, and once applied for, these scholarships can cover living expenses and other study expenses for a long time. International students do not need to do any work for teachers, do not need to hold any position in any department, and do not need to delay their study time, students can concentrate on study, as long as their academic performance is up, there is a chance to get this rich scholarship, and this scholarship is generally allocated directly by the school, international students do not need to bear any cost burden. You can also rely on this full-award scholarship model in addition to maintaining your daily living expenses, you can also save part of it for later use. Therefore, this scholarship is very important for international students, of course, the difficulty of application is also very huge, international students must have enough strength and efforts to have a chance to get this mode of full award mode scholarship. Generally speaking, the amount of full scholarship is relatively large, but the number of places is small, and the application is difficult. The average scholarship amount is between \$30,000 and \$35,000 per year, although this varies from school to school. Full scholarship in the application competition is more intense, generally require TOEFL, GRE scores are relatively high, at the same time, but also need some well-known colleges and institutions recommendation letters and study abroad PS, so the application is more difficult, many international students can not meet these conditions and can not get a full scholarship.

1.2.2. Research Fellowships

Compared with the full scholarship model, the research assistantship model scholarship is more fluid. If an international student wants to get this type of scholarship, it depends on whether there is a scientific research project supervisor and whether he needs to recruit an assistant to help share his scientific research tasks. If his work is too busy and the research funds are sufficient, he will recruit one or two research assistants to help share the research workload. The research assistants must have strong scientific research business ability and have the dedication spirit of not being afraid of hardships. In this mode, the main source of

scholarship is the research project funds. Research assistants may no longer be needed, and the fellowship model will cease. If an international student wants to continue to get the research assistant scholarship, there are several ways he can continue to get the scholarship in this mode. The first way is to win the favor of the supervisor of the project to win the assistant job of the next research project. The other is that you can recommend other research projects through this tutor or get another research project team to work as an assistant to get scholarships. Therefore, no matter which method is used to continue to obtain research fellowships, it is not particularly stable or fixed. Research assistantship scholarships are generally awarded by the faculty supervisor's research projects, so generally speaking, the number of scholarships in this mode will vary with the different research projects of the faculty supervisor and the faculty, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,400 / month .

1.2.3. Assistantship

Assistantship scholarship is a kind of scholarship model similar to research assistantship scholarship. Its main tasks are teaching, correcting homework, grading papers, organizing undergraduate student discussions, etc., generally 20 hours/week, the task is relatively fixed. This scholarship is generally issued by the school or department. Due to the different financial strength of each school or department, the amount of assistantship scholarship may vary to some extent. Generally, it is about 600 USD to 1200 USD/month, which is slightly less than that of research assistantship scholarship. Because after all, to teach undergraduate students, it is necessary for international students to master professional knowledge, and it is also necessary for international students to have a high sense of responsibility to be eligible to apply. Generally speaking, those international students with excellent academic performance are eligible to be recommended to apply for teaching assistant and finally get the teaching assistant scholarship.

1.2.4. Tuition Waiver Model Scholarship

This model of scholarship is the school according to the actual situation of international students to implement tuition remission scholarships. Students may meet the school's tuition waiver criteria due to their family's financial circumstances, their physical health or other factors. The General tuition waiver model scholarship includes several options: full tuition waiver (similar to a full scholarship), 25% tuition waiver, 40% tuition waiver, and 50% tuition waiver. Tuition waivers are based on the severity of the student's actual situation to determine where they should fall. Each school may have different criteria for the actual situation of the student, so the difficulty of applying for the tuition waiver model scholarship will vary from school to school.

1.3. Main Features of American Scholarship for International Students

1.3.1. The Scholarship Deadline is Relatively Early

A very important aspect of applying for a scholarship to a US university is the very early deadline. Whether it is a top private university in the United States or a public university in the United States, the deadline for scholarship applications is very early, and schools entering in September should prepare the scholarship application materials about a year in advance, otherwise it may be too late. Of course, the application deadline varies from university to university, but in general, the application deadline is relatively early, and the

most important thing is to always pay attention to the university's official website for information about international scholarships. The application deadline for international student scholarships at American universities is much earlier than for many other programs or activities, and the application deadline for master's scholarships is much earlier, even a year and a half or more before enrollment.

1.3.2. There are a Lot of Scholarship Application Materials

Because the international students who go to the United States to study come from different countries, their education level in their home countries is not the same, so their final level will be quite different, so it is almost impossible for every international student to get a scholarship. Therefore, as an international student who wants to apply for the international student scholarship in the United States, he should prepare as many application materials as possible. First of all, the most important criterion for student scholarship is a high GPA. Second, foreign language scores should be good enough, TOEFL, IELTS, GRE, GMAT, SAT and other test scores should be provided; Thirdly, some professional knowledge awards, published scientific research papers and honors obtained by participating in some sports and sports activities in your country can be used as application materials for scholarship. Finally, some photos of participating in public welfare activities and other projects can also be submitted as scholarship application materials.

1.3.3. The List of Scholarships is Cluttered

Because the number of donors in American universities is too large, and their status in American universities is very important, they will set up scholarship projects according to their own ideas or interests. There are various names, and many international student scholarship projects are simply incomprehensible, such as rewarding only those international students who are not married. However, because they have donated a large number of scholarships, it is often difficult for schools to change or refute some of their requirements, which may cause some outstanding international students to fail to meet their requirements and get international student scholarships. Therefore, to some extent, it is unfair for some outstanding international students.

2. British Scholarship Model

2.1. The Development of Scholarships for British Students

2.1.1. The Colonization Stage after Studying in the UK

In the early 1960s, due to the support of government scholarships for foreign students in the UK, many students mainly from Europe, Africa and the Far East came to the UK to study. By 1963, the number of foreign students had increased significantly, so in 1967, the number of foreign students in the UK had increased significantly. In order to alleviate the excessive expenditure of government education subsidy on overseas students, the British government has implemented a differential charging policy, charging higher tuition fees and other fees for foreign students and lower tuition fees and other fees for local students. The charging mode for foreign students is completely different from that for local students.

2.1.2. Full Charge Phase

After Mrs. Thatcher came to power, due to the impact of the economic crisis, the development of various domestic

causes was hindered, so the charging policy for foreign students was also changed at this time, and foreign students were charged according to the full-cost charging model, which led to the dissatisfaction of foreign students. In order to reverse this situation, the British government has adopted a series of scholarship programs such as the FCO Scholarship scheme and the British Undergraduate Scholarship Scheme, which have increased the number of foreign students studying in the UK to a certain extent.

2.2. Types, Amounts and Application Methods of Scholarships for British Students

2.2.1. Chevening Scholarship

The Chevening Scholarship is the most influential study abroad scholarship launched by the UK government. Because the scholarship covers a very wide range, including not only tuition fees but also living expenses, and the amount of scholarship is very large, even up to 12,000 pounds [8], to a certain extent, it can well help international students to solve the burden of studying in the UK such a high cost of many families, so it is welcomed by international students all over the world, and has a strong attraction for foreign students. Therefore, the scholarship has relatively high qualification requirements for international students, such as: they must be accredited by British higher education and universities, have good scores in foreign languages, IELTS no less than 6.5, and have strong restrictions on work experience.

2.2.2. Scottish International Scholarship

The Scottish International Scholarship Programme is also a government-funded scholarship programme that is designed by the Scottish Government to encourage funding for those who wish to study for a master's degree in Scotland. This award is much smaller than the Chevening Scholarship, which generally offers a fee waiver of up to £2,000. Although the Scottish International Scholarship is not as large as Chevening Scholarship, it is also difficult to apply. The most basic Scottish scholarship application form and resume are essential, foreign language is also mandatory, IELTS score is not less than 6.5, but also need the University of Edinburgh, the University of Glasgow, the University of Stirling similar three institutions of higher learning acceptance letter, in addition to a certain amount of work experience and have not applied for other government scholarships in the UK.

2.2.3. ORS Scholarship

ORS Scholarship is also a scholarship awarded by the British government to graduate students who come to study in the UK. Generally speaking, this scholarship is mainly awarded to overseas students with special research level. As the maximum amount reaches 6,000 pounds, and the quota is generally between 800-900, the competition for this scholarship is very fierce.

Since this scholarship is not small, it is not easy to apply for success. The foreign language requirements are generally IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 100 or above; British universities also require applicants to need two or three references from university and graduate school; Some application materials such as papers, patents and other proof of research ability are also required.

2.2.4. Academic Scholarships

There are three types of scholarships: general university scholarships, departmental scholarships and project scholarships. As the name suggests, university scholarships are awarded to international students by the school for living

and tuition fees, while department scholarships are awarded by the department with similar requirements. Project scholarships are mainly supported by project funds, and the amount of scholarship is determined according to the size of the project, but generally the amount is not too high, probably only a few hundred pounds per month. No more than £1,000. The difficulty of applying for college scholarships is relatively small, the general comprehensive score is about 85, and the foreign language level meets the basic standard of studying abroad, it is possible to apply for college scholarships.

2.3. Main Features of British Scholarship for International Students

2.3.1. Graduate Students Have More Advantages in Getting Scholarships

As most British scholarships are mainly for postgraduate students with master's degrees or above, whether it is government scholarships or project scholarships, they are mainly for postgraduate students with certain research level. Therefore, as long as postgraduate students are at a reasonable level, their foreign language level meets the basic standard, and the application materials are basically complete, they are likely to get the British international student scholarship. However, it is much more difficult for undergraduates to get scholarships, unless your academic level is particularly good, and your English level is far beyond the basic standard, it is possible to get scholarships. Therefore, from the perspective of obtaining scholarships for overseas students in the UK, postgraduate students with a master's degree or above have more advantages.

2.3.2. The Most Important Criterion for Awarding Scholarships is the Degree of Excellence of International Students

The UK regards the excellence of international students as an important criterion for awarding scholarships. Although there are other factors in awarding scholarships, including family conditions, the most important is the excellence of students. For example, the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, University College London, Imperial College London and other famous universities take the excellent degree of international students as the first important factor in granting international students scholarships, and many especially excellent international students can even get full scholarships, which is a great guarantee for the tuition fees and living expenses of international students.

2.3.3. Scholarship Application is Timely

A very important feature of the application for British scholarship is the timeliness of the application. That is to say, if you want to apply for a scholarship in a British university, you should pay special attention to the application time, because as long as you leave your area to study in the UK, you will completely lose the opportunity and qualification to apply for British scholarship. Pay special attention to the timing of the scholarship application and be sure to take care of the scholarship application before you leave your home country for the UK.

2.3.4. Scholarships are All-inclusive

The coverage of British scholarships is very wide, many famous British universities have set up many different categories and different amounts of scholarships from the foundation, which makes foreign students tuition fees and

living expenses have a guarantee, because they have the opportunity to get the corresponding scholarships no matter what level of international students. Although international students of different educational levels can apply for study abroad scholarships in the UK, generally speaking, only the amount of scholarships for postgraduate students and above is relatively large .

3. Japanese Student Scholarship Model

3.1. Development History of Scholarships for Japanese Students

3.1.1. The Initial Stage

As early as 1954, Japan began to recruit a small number of international students, mainly from a small number of Southeast Asian countries. In 1983, Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone announced that Japan would recruit 100,000 foreign students by the beginning of the 21st century. By 2003, the number of foreign students in Japan had reached 110,000, in order to match its status as a political and economic power. Although the number of international students is not small, the relative proportion is not high, only 2.6% of the proportion of international students, and the proportion of international students in other developed countries, there is still a big gap. In 2005, Japan issued the Outline of the Japanese Student System, which for the first time clarified what level of international students Japan needs to accept . In 2008, Japan issued the "Basic Guidelines for Economic and Fiscal Reform 2008", which for the first time put forward the development direction of higher education policies, especially international students.

3.1.2. Improvement Stage

In 2014, Japan promoted the "Super International University Plan" to cultivate all-round talents with international competitiveness. In order to adapt to this plan, Japanese educational circles began to pay more attention to the issue of international students. Therefore, the Report of the Expert Meeting on Promoting the Acceptance of Foreign Students in Higher Education Institutions was released in 2017, which made a comprehensive and detailed summary and summary of all aspects of the principles of setting scholarships for foreign students in Japan. There are two aspects in the report of the conference: First, scholarships for Japanese students are mainly provided by the government, and other groups from all walks of life can also actively participate in scholarship activities for international students. Secondly, scholarships for international students should be reasonably designed according to different types of students, so as to maximize the use of limited funds.

3.2. Types, Amounts and Application Methods of Scholarships for Japanese Students

3.2.1. Japanese Government Scholarship

As early as 1954, the Japanese government began to offer scholarships for foreign students. Since scholarships are awarded by the government, the amount of scholarships is generally large, almost always between 142,000 yen and 275,000 yen per month . Government scholarships can be applied through Japanese embassies abroad (through materials review, written tests and interviews to select successful candidates) and through universities in Japan (through university recommendations in Japan and during study at universities in Japan).

3.2.2. Japan International Education Association Scholarship

The Japanese Government Scholarship for international students is a very important scholarship for international students. Another scholarship model is that some private enterprises or individuals may not be able to obtain the government scholarship for international students for some reasons, so they can obtain the scholarship for international students through another organization, the Japan Association for the Promotion of Education. As early as 2002, the Japan Association for the Promotion of Education awarded the Japan Association of International Education Scholarships to 1,976 students, and the amount of scholarships in this way is relatively low compared to the Japanese government scholarships, usually between 80,000 and 200,000 yen per month. As the application method of the JIA scholarship is not fixed, it is necessary to consult the JIA before applying.

3.2.3. Civil Society Scholarships

In addition to the Japan Association of International Education Scholarship and the Japanese Government Scholarship for international students, there is another important scholarship for international students, namely the civil society scholarship, which is generally issued by private enterprises or some civil organizations. Because each group has different attributes, they also have different requirements for the international students they will distribute. For example, some international students are issued to international students from the school where the group is located, while others are issued to international students from countries and regions that have exchanges with the group. As the amount and application method of this type of scholarship is not fixed or unique, it may change from year to year, so it is also necessary to check with your school before applying for this type of scholarship.

3.3. Main Features of Japanese Student Scholarships

3.3.1. Rigorous Personnel Selection Process

The application process for scholarships for Japanese foreign students is complex, rigorous and meticulous, and generally requires the joint selection of several or more institutions. The selection methods are also varied, including the application materials review system, the preliminary examination and written examination and the second interview . The purpose of this complex and rigorous selection system is to select outstanding foreign students who can contribute to the healthy development of Japanese universities.

3.3.2. Diversity of Scholarship Subjects

Scholarships for Japanese students are mainly provided by the government, and other organizations from all walks of life can also actively participate in the scholarship activities for Japanese students. In many cases, the number of scholarships offered by other organizations from all walks of life is quite large, accounting for a very high proportion of the overall scholarships for international students. This has expanded the number of scholarships available to international students to some extent, and has correspondingly reduced the pressure on the government to allocate large amounts of scholarships. In addition, due to the serious aging of Japanese population, this diversified scholarship model can effectively attract more foreign students to study in Japan , which plays a crucial role in promoting Japan's economic development, enhancing the

vitality of Japanese cities and promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and other countries.

4. The Scholarship Model of International Students in Developed Countries Can Be Used for Reference

4.1. Evaluation

Although China's scholarship evaluation is similar to that of developed countries such as Japan, it is government-led. There are 226 Chinese government scholarships and school scholarships provided by the government, and there is only one corporate scholarship for international students. And although China has accounted for the different types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students, the specific amount is not well distinguished and defined, and there is no preferential treatment for outstanding international students. Therefore, when setting up scholarships for international students, we should set up scholarships for international students in accordance with clearly structured standards, so that outstanding international students can get more preferential treatment. Instead of implementing a "one-size-fits-all" standard, different types of scholarships should be set up, such as curriculum and professional scholarships and social practice scholarships, so that international students with different talents can be encouraged and improved.

4.2. Management

In order to let more foreign students know about the situation of studying in Chinese universities, the China Scholarship Council has established an information network for international students and regularly updates the information of studying abroad scholarships, but only the information of government scholarships is updated in a timely manner, while the information of other scholarships is updated relatively slowly. Therefore, the competent authorities should update the scholarship information for studying abroad as soon as possible and improve the construction of the website for studying abroad, so that international students can timely and accurately understand the important and latest policy information for studying abroad in China [19]. In addition to the construction of the

scholarship program for international students, it is necessary to greatly publicize the scholarship program, so that outstanding international students from all over the world can understand China's importance to foreign students and its desire for outstanding talents, and can attract the best international students from all over the world to study in China.

4.3. Audit

In terms of the review of scholarship materials for international students, most of the time, Chinese study abroad institutions and Chinese universities choose written materials for review, but in many cases, the written materials are too one-sided, and it is impossible to truly understand the overall quality and development of foreign students. Therefore, we can learn from the experience of Japan, Europe and the United States and other developed countries, and adopt a combination of written material review, written examination and interview to determine the scholarship list of international students in China. In addition, due to the efforts of the international students themselves and changes in other aspects, the lifetime scholarship system for international students should not be adopted but dynamic adjustment. Timely tracking and adjustment should be made according to their school performance and academic performance, and dynamic review mechanism of scholarships should be improved, so as to effectively implement scholarships into the hands of international students with excellent character and academic performance.

References

- [1] Qi Lanfen, Zhao Yang. The history of American educational funding [J]. Journal of Tianjin Academy of Education and Science, 2010, (5) :40-42.
- [2] Lao Cheng. American University scholarship and application requirements [J] World Education Information, 2008, (7).
- [3] Liu Hui. From the Robbins Report to the Deerying Report: The development path, strategy and enlightenment of British Higher Education [J]. Comparative Education Research. 2001, (2):24.
- [4] Lynn Williams. Overseas Students in the United Kingdom: Some Recent Developments [J]. Higher Education Quarterly, 1987, 41 (2):107-118.