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I. Program Introduction

1. Overview

1) Introduction

Established in 2008 and funded by the Chinese government through the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, the MOFCOM Degree Scholarship Program is specifically designed to cultivate high-end business officials and managerial personnel for recipient countries. It is committed to developing high-level, interdisciplinary, and application-oriented professionals in fields such as politics, economy and trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, science, education, culture, health, energy, transportation, and public administration, thereby providing intellectual support for the socio-economic development of recipient countries. The program includes one-year master's degree programs, two-year master's degree programs, and three-year doctoral degree programs.

The program primarily sponsors government officials, academic researchers, and mid-to-senior level managers from recipient countries to pursue master's or doctoral degrees in China, with all instruction conducted in English. Due to the relatively short duration of the programs, applicants are required to have obtained a bachelor's degree and possess relevant work experience in their respective fields prior to admission, so as to ensure timely and full comprehension of the coursework. Candidates must also be in good health to undertake intensive study and successfully complete the degree requirements.

The program plays an increasingly significant role in the economic and trade cooperation and development between the recipient countries and China, and is highly valued by the governments of those countries.

Since 2017, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China has established the Master's Program in Forest Economics and Policy at Beijing Forestry University, aiming to cultivate high-level, interdisciplinary, and application-oriented talents in the forestry sector for recipient countries. It is also hoped that by pursuing the programs and acquiring the degrees, participants will be able to build a successful career and prosperous life.

2) Prospective students

Officials from the forestry, agriculture, natural resources, and environmental sectors of recipient countries, as well as other relevant institutions, who are responsible for operational work in these or related fields; mid-to-senior level managers from agriculture-related and forestry-related enterprises; teaching and research faculty from universities and research institutes in relevant disciplines; and recent bachelor's degree graduates with educational backgrounds in economics, management, forestry, or resource and environmental science.

3) Objectives

To cultivate high-level, interdisciplinary, and application-oriented professionals in fields such as politics, economy and trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, science, education, culture, health, energy, transportation, and public administration.

4) Admission Plan

Major: Master's Degree in Forestry Economics and Management

Under the category of Forestry Economics, with specific research areas including:

- Forestry Economics Theory and Policy
- Forest Resources and Environmental Economics

Number of students to be recruited: 20

Language of instruction: English

Program duration: Two years

5) Financial aids

(1) Exemption from tuition fees, teaching materials and materials fees, research and investigation fees, English teaching subsidies, and graduation thesis guidance fees;

(2) Free on-campus housing;

(3) Giving living allowance: Master's degree 36,000 yuan/person/year, Money is paid monthly based on actual time spent in China;

(4) A one-time resettlement fee of 3,000 yuan/person;

(5) Comprehensive medical insurance in China;

(6) Free round-trip international air ticket: one round-trip international airfare is provided for the 1-year course. For the 2-year course and above, one round-trip international airfare is provided , and n-1 (n is the number of academic years) round-trip airfare is provided for returning to the home country to visit relatives.

(7) All degree students are required to participate in the annual review, and those who achieve the academic performance assessment can continue to enjoy the full scholarship in the second year.

(8) Financial assistance is provided only for students within the duration of their study. Students who delay graduation for some reason will not receive further financial assistance.

2. About Beijing Forestry University (BFU)

1) University Introduction

Located in Haidian district of China's capital Beijing, Beijing Forestry University is a national key university under joint administration of the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the National Forestry and Grassland Administration and the government of Beijing.

The history of BFU can be dated back to 1902. It was originally known as the Forestry Section of the Agriculture Department of the Imperial University of Peking (Jingshi Daxuetang). During the nationwide restructuring of higher education in 1952, the Forestry Department of Beijing Agricultural University and that of Hebei Agricultural Institute were combined to set up a Beijing Forestry College (BFC). Following the merging of the Landscape Architecture Department of Beijing Agricultural University and the Architecture Department of Tsinghua University in 1956 into it, BFC was designated in 1960 as a key national university. In 1981, BFU became one of the first universities entitled to confer doctorate and master degree. The name of the university was changed in 1985 to the present Beijing Forestry University.

Featured in forestry, biological sciences and forestry engineering, BFU is a

multi-disciplinary national key university that runs programs with an extensive coverage in agriculture, science, engineering, economics, management, humanities, law, art and philosophy.

Currently, BFU is composed of 17 schools and colleges, offering 66 undergraduate programs, 25 first-degree authorization points for master's degree, 21 master's degree authorization points, 8 first-degree authorization points for doctoral degree, 2 doctoral degree authorization points, 6 self-established interdisciplinary disciplines and 7 postdoctoral research stations.

BFU closely focuses on the needs of major national strategies to cultivate top innovative talents and industry leaders with ideals, competence, and a strong sense of responsibility. BFU has trained and delivered more than 200,000 outstanding talents to the forefront of China's ecological civilization construction, including 16 academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering.

BFU has been approved for 1 Base for the Top-Student Program in Biological Sciences 2.0, 1 National Base for Cultivating Talents in Basic Science, 1 National Experimental Teaching Demonstration Center, 7 National Virtual Simulation Experimental Teaching Demonstration Centers, 5 Pilot National Virtual Teaching and Research Sections, 27 National First-Class Undergraduate Programs, 28 National First-Class Undergraduate Courses, 5 National First-Class Virtual Simulation Experimental Teaching Courses, and 2 National Model Courses for Ideological and Political Theories in All Courses. BFU also boasts 2 National Excellent Teachers and Teaching Teams for Ideological and Political Theories in All Courses and has won 11 National Teaching Achievement Awards.

BFU has been approved to host the only two national key laboratories in the forestry sector. It has established a comprehensive scientific and technological innovation platform system that fully supports ecological civilization construction, consisting of 92 national and provincial-level scientific and technological platforms (including the National Engineering Research Center for Floriculture and the National Engineering Research Center for Tree Breeding and Ecological Restoration) and 80 university-level platforms.

Since its founding, the university has won 58 national science and technology awards and more than 350 provincial and ministerial science and technology awards. Since the 14th Five-Year Plan period, BFU has undertaken 1 major special project on Xi Jinping Thought on Ecological Civilization, 345 projects funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China, 30 projects under the National Key R&D Program, and 50 projects funded by the Beijing Natural Science Foundation. It has also obtained approval for 3 national improved tree varieties, 14 provincial improved tree varieties, and 224 new plant varieties, participated in formulating 63 national standards, and filed 993 invention patent applications.

BFU has established partnerships with more than 190 prestigious universities and research institutions in over 40 countries and regions.

It has taken the lead in establishing the Asia-Pacific Forestry Education Coordination Mechanism, the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Research Centre, and

the International Science and Education Alliance for Migratory Bird Flyways, and has launched the Global Initiative of the International Science and Education Alliance for Migratory Bird Flyways.

The university has fully participated in and supported Mongolia's "One Billion Trees" initiative, and undertakes the operation of the China-Mongolia Cooperation Center for Desertification Control. It has incubated and established more than 10 international joint laboratories with universities and research institutions including the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE) and the University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada.

At present, more than 310 international students from 67 countries are studying at BFU for bachelor's, master's, doctoral degrees, as well as Chinese language programs.

2) Host Department Introduction

This program will be hosted by the Discipline of Agricultural and Forestry Economics and Management at the School of Economics and Management, Beijing Forestry University. Officially established in 1959, the discipline currently has a post-doctoral research station in Agricultural and Forestry Economics and Management, and three secondary-level doctoral disciplines: Forestry Economics and Management, Agricultural Economics and Management, and Forestry Resource Economics and Environmental Management. It also has two secondary-level master's degree authorization points in Forestry Economics and Management and Agricultural Economics and Management. The secondary-level discipline of Forestry Economics and Management is a national key (cultivating) discipline, while Agricultural and Forestry Economics and Management is a Beijing municipal key discipline and a key discipline of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration.

The discipline currently has 48 full-time faculty members, including 19 professors (all doctoral supervisors), 20 associate professors, 16 with overseas study experience, 4 national high-end think tank experts, and 9 internationally appointed adjunct professors. The discipline has established advantageous research directions including Forestry Economic Theory and Policy, Forestry Resource and Environmental Economics, Forestry Industry Economics and Trade, Forest Resource Accounting and Asset Management, Ecosystem Conservation and Management, Rural Forestry and Regional Sustainable Development, and Forestry Carbon Sink and Carbon Finance. Since 2012, the average annual research funding has exceeded 10 million RMB, undertaking over 1,000 projects including national-level fund projects. It has received more than 20 awards at or above the provincial/ministerial level and first-level society awards, and published over 500 high-level academic papers.

The discipline hosts several provincial/ministerial-level and eight university-level research and consulting institutions, including the Research Base for Rural Forestry Reform and Development of the State Forestry Administration, the Ecological Civilization Research Center of the State Forestry Administration, the National Forestry Budget Fund Performance Research and Evaluation Center, and the "Belt and Road" Forestry and Grassland Economic and Trade International Cooperation Center of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration. It has

become an important think tank for national forestry development policy and strategy formulation as well as ecological civilization construction management, with relevant faculty serving as key think tank members in the field of national forestry and ecological civilization construction.

The discipline has achieved significant progress in internationalization, establishing stable cooperative relationships with multiple internationally renowned institutions. These include co-hosting the International Joint Laboratory for Forest Policy and Economics with the Technical University in Zvolen, establishing the Forestry Development Policy Laboratory with the Ethiopian Forestry Development Authority, and establishing the China Joint Research Center in collaboration with the EU VALOR project. Building on this foundation, the discipline invites approximately 10 internationally renowned forestry economists annually to teach and provide research collaboration guidance at the university. It has also introduced "Academic Writing Classroom" sessions, especially inviting Professor Sun Changyou from Mississippi State University to provide specialized guidance. In recent years, the school has initiated and hosted the "International Forum on Forestry Policy and Economics," successfully organizing four sessions to date, organized special sessions for international students and the "China Forestry Economics International Summit Forum," and hosted multiple international academic symposiums. To date, the cumulative number of international students from abroad coming to China for degree studies and participating in inter-university exchanges has exceeded 300.

3) Campus and facilities

Beijing is hot and rainy in summer and cold and dry in winter. The annual average temperature is 10°C to 12 °C. -7°C to -4°C in January, 25°C to 26 °C in July.

With a 47–hectares campus, BFU is equipped with a modern 23,400 m² library of 1,970,000 books and a digital network with 48,900 GB of documents and 76 databases. In addition, it has a 11,627-acre experimental forest in the outskirts of Beijing, a 3,002-acre comprehensive teaching and research field site in Cangzhou (Hebei Province), and a northern demonstrative forest in Pingquan (Hebei Province), a southern demonstrative forest in Jiangle (Fujian Province), a research and experimental site of public forests in Langxiang Forestry Administration (Heilongjiang Province), and a research and teaching state forest farm in Badaling (Beijing).

The school has established an advanced and comprehensive support system to meet the learning and research needs of international students. It houses a National Virtual Simulation Experimental Teaching Center equipped with dynamic simulation experimental systems. The School has established multiple teaching practice bases, including those in Sanming (Fujian Province), Ningshan (Shaanxi Province), Baise (Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region), Zhuxi (Hubei Province), Tonghua (Jilin Province), Nanchang (Jiangxi Province), and the Beijing Ming Tombs Forest Farm. It features a multifunctional professional reference room and an English-language reference room, with English-language books purchased worth over 100,000 RMB. Additionally, an 80-square-meter professional studio for international students has been set up, equipped with 45 standard workstations and supporting facilities.

International student dormitories are all single rooms uniformly furnished, located on the campus to the south of the gymnasium. Each room is equipped with air conditioning, a refrigerator, a wardrobe, a desk, a TV, and internet access, and has an independent bathroom.

The campus provides complete cultural and sports facilities including a gymnasium, basketball courts, and football fields. There are 7 cafeterias, including 1 halal restaurant, offering Chinese food, Western food, and halal meals.

The university hospital provides all-round medical services for students, and all students are covered by annual medical insurance. In addition, the university has established long-term, stable and close cooperative relations with Peking University Third Hospital, Dongsheng Police Station, Haidian Exit-Entry Administration Bureau and other institutions, with complete emergency plans to effectively guarantee students' emergency needs such as medical treatment.

Students enrolled in academic programs enjoy equal access to the university's medical resources as Chinese students, as well as the cooperative service mechanism established by the university with local foreign affairs and public security departments.

3. Academic Arrangement

1) Curriculum Arrangement

(1) Curriculum

This program requires 31 credits for the degree, comprising 26 credits from courses and 5 credits from compulsory components. The compulsory components include academic seminars and presentations (2 credits), thesis proposal (1 credit), and practical training (2 credits). Prior to graduation, students must pass the HSK Level 3 (or above) examination.

The basic credit requirement for courses in this master's program is 26 credits, including 20 credits from degree courses (10 credits from public courses and 10 credits from degree courses) and 6 credits from degree elective courses. With the exception of the HSK Level 3 course, all other courses must be completed within the first academic year after enrollment. The specific curriculum is shown in the table below.

Category	No.	Course Title	Hrs	Credits	Instructor	Evaluation	
(Required Courses)	Public courses Module	[1]	Basic Chinese	128	8	Huang Yue	Exam
		[2]	China's National Conditions	32	2	Huang Yue	Exam
	Fundamental Economics courses Module	[3]	Microeconomics	32	2	Yu Chang	Exam
		[4]	Resources & Environment Economics	32	2	Xie Yi	Exam
	Specialized Degree courses Module	[5]	Forest Economics	32	2	Jiang Xuemei	Exam
		[6]	Forestry Policy	32	2	Wen Yali	Assessment
	Forestry technology courses Module	[7]	Forestry Technology Frontier	32	2	Xi Benye	Assessment

Specialized optional courses Module (at least 6 credits required)	[8]	Macroeconomics	32	2	Zhou Jianhua	Exam
	[9]	Econometrics	32	2	Li Lingchao,	Exam
	[10]	Frontier Topics in Forestry Economics and Policies	32	2	Xie yi	Assessment
	[11]	Modern Forestry Management	32	2	Xie Yi	Exam
	[12]	International Forest Governance	32	2	Chen Xiaoqian	Assessment
	[13]	Forest Ecology	32	2	Du Fang	Assessment
	[14]	Green Finance	32	2	Chen Xiaoqian Tang Xinmeng	Assessment
Public Optional Course	[15]	HSK3 Training	192	12	Huang Yue	Exam

Note: There are two evaluation methods: exam and assessment, with the former including open-book test and closed-book test, while the latter referring to term paper, survey report and other means of appraisal.

(2) Description for Courses

[1] Basic Chinese: Textbook: HSK Standard Course, including pronunciation, vocabulary, texts and grammar. Combined with the actual situation of students, teachers will focus on cultivating students' interest in learning Chinese, positive and optimistic attitude towards life and ability of oral communication in the daily teaching.

[2] China's National Conditions: An overview of basic situation in China, including geography, history, traditional culture, literature and China's politics, economy, education, environmental protection, science & technology, foreign policies, forestry and related policies.

[3] Micro-economics: An overview of basic concepts, ideas, methodology and theories of microeconomics to build a foundation for economic management courses and practices. Including The ten principles of economics, supply theory, demand theory, flexibility, production costs, four kinds of market types (competition, monopoly, monopoly competition, oligarchy).

[4] Resources & Environment Economics: Explanation of the scarcity of resources, the sustainable utilization of resources and environment, the economic principles of resource allocation, the optimal allocation of non-renewable resources, the optimal allocation of renewable resources, the optimal utilization of public resources, environmental issues in economic development; accounting and evaluation of natural resources and environmental value, etc.

[5] Forest Economics: Forestry investment analysis, i.e. capital's time value and evaluation method of forestry investment; introduction of forest industry, i.e. forest production and the rendering of forest service; economic issues of forest operation, i.e. optimal rotation of the forest and logging rules, etc.

[6] Forest Policy: Introduction of basic theoretical knowledge of policy study and basic framework and content of forestry policy; history of the development of the

world's major forestry policies and the characteristics of existing forestry policies; application of basic methodology of forestry policy to analyze and solve the realistic problems of forestry development in various countries.

[7] Forestry Technology Frontier: Introduction of modern nursery stock, timber forest, ecological forest, urban forest, economic forest, energy forest; frontier theory and methodology in progress in cultivation technology and modern forest biotechnology research.

[8] Macroeconomics: Introduction of major concepts in macroeconomics, determination of commodity demand and output, IS-LM models, prices, wages and unemployment, AS-AD models, natural unemployment and Philip curves, inflation and nominal monetary growth, economic growth, fiscal and monetary policy.

[9] Econometrics: Introduction of linear model, multiple regression model, multiple collinearity, heteroscedasticity, autocorrelation, autocorrelation, virtual independent variable and operation of Stata statistical software package.

[10] Frontier Topics in Forestry Economics and Policies: World frontier progress in research areas of forestry and response to climate change, forest products trade and environment, forest ecosystem services valuation, forestry and biodiversity conservation, forestry and anti-poverty, forestry and food production, international compliance and cooperation in forestry, forestry industry development, sustainable forest utilization.

[11] Modern Forestry Management: Research theory and analytic method on major forest management and decision making issues including benefits and management objectives of forest resource, management of even-aged forest, management of uneven-aged forest, adjustment of forest yield, multi-target forest management; risk analysis of forest management, forest management and climate change, sustainable forest operation.

[12] International forest governance: The course designed to systematically introduce the evolution of international forest governance, the main framework, means, main participants, main influencing objects and impact paths of the existing international forest governance system, including the institutional arrangements, development trends and reforms of forest governance at the global, regional and national levels, and introduces the experience of China's forest governance system.

[13] Forest Ecology: Aimed at helping students gradually grasp the basic theory and certain investigation and research method of forest ecology, to lay the foundation of ecology for further study of other specialized courses; fostering student's analytical and problem-solving abilities with ecological thinking.

[14] Green finance: The course designed to introduce the development and evolution of international and China's green finance concepts and practices. Through the analysis of green credit, green bonds and green funds, graduated students will be able to learn the tools and policies in international and China's green financial market, capable to analyze the impact of green financial instruments and policies on different stakeholders through national case studies.

[15] HSK3: Based on the syllabus and teaching materials of the Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK), through rich and interesting interactive activities, students

can fully participate in the classroom and master knowledge and test points in a pleasant way. The combination of teaching and learning, pay attention to the application of language knowledge, and comprehensively improve students' Chinese proficiency. The course aims to help students pass the exam through intensive teaching, practice, expansion, review, answering questions, analysis of previous exams, and mock exams.

(3) Faculty

The faculty is composed of experienced instructors who are experienced in academic studies and proficient in English language. Nearly 20 professors and associate professors are able to offer courses in English, 10 of whom had taken relevant courses taught fully in English. Included in them are overseas faculty members from the Swedish Agricultural University, Auburn University of U.S.A. There are 6 other renowned overseas scholars in forest economics, policy, and governance as our visiting graduate instructors, as well as 15 excellent Chinese scholars in agricultural and forest economics as part-time visiting professors.

Each international student will participate in a variety of departmental academic activities and has his or her academic advisor. Additional advising and mentoring will be provided by thesis committee and other faculty members. The school has an office with experienced personnel dedicated to serving and assisting international students.

The details of some courses' instructors are as the following:

WEN Yali: Professor, Department of Forest Economics and management, School of Economics and Management. He received his degree in Forestry Economics and Management from Beijing Forestry University (BFU) in 2003. His major research areas are the forestry economics and policy, and the protection of economic and policy.

ZHOU Jianhua: Associate Professor, School of Economics and Management, BFU. He received his degree in Agricultural Economics, School of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University in 1999. His major research areas are poverty alleviation, rural development and environmental economics.

XIE Yi: Professor, School of Economics and Management, BFU. He received his doctoral degree in Forest Economics, Beijing Forestry University (BFU) in 2008. His major research areas are forest management institutional efficiency evaluation; farm household forestry in China.

FU Yizhong : Professor, School of Economics and Management, BFU. She received her Doctor degree in Economics, University of International Business & Economics in 2009. Her research areas are Policy on trade in services, Theory and Policies in International Trade, Service innovation.

Li Lingchao: Associate Professor, School of Economics and Management, BFU. He received his Doctor degree in Management, Renmin University of China in 2015. His research areas are forest transition, forestry industry development and trade.

Yu Chang: Professor, Department of International Trade, School of Economics and Management, BFU. Graduated from the School of Technology Policy Management of Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands in 2014 with a doctorate degree. Since 2014, has worked in the School of Economics and

Management of Beijing Forestry University. The main research directions are forestry and climate change, trade and environment, ecological footprint, etc.

Jiang Xuemei: Associate Professor, School of Economics and Management, BFU. In 2006, received a Ph.D. in Forestry Economics and Management from the School of Economics and Management, Northeast Forestry University. Main research areas are forestry economics and management, Resource and environmental Economics, etc.

Chen Xiaoqian: Associate Professor, School of Economics and Management, BFU. Graduated from the School of Economics and Management of Beijing Forestry University in 2010 with a master's degree in forestry investment and credit, and received a Ph.D. in Management. From 2016.9 to 2017.9, as a Sino-US Fulbright scholar, was a senior visiting scholar in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University. Presided over and participated in a number of scientific research projects of the State Forestry and Grassland Administration, the European Forest Institute and other units, and cooperated in the compilation and publication of a number of works and academic papers.

Tang Xinmeng: Lecturer, School of Economics and Management, BFU. Received a doctorate in management from Beijing University of Science and Technology, majoring in Management Science and Engineering in June 2023. Research interests are green finance and carbon finance, and she has published more than ten papers in SCI, SSCI, or Category A journals recognized by the Department of Management of the National Natural Science Foundation of China.

Xi Benye: Professor in the Discipline of Forest Cultivation, School of Forestry, Beijing Forestry University. Research areas include theory and technology of poplar timber plantation cultivation, water relations in planted forests, and root system structure and function.

Du Fang: Professor of Restoration Ecology, School of Ecology and Nature Conservation, Beijing Forestry University. Received her Ph.D. in Environmental Science from the University of Bordeaux I, France in 2021. Research areas include population genetics, molecular ecology, and forest ecology.

2) Teaching methods

This program adopt a supervisor (or supervisory team) responsibility system for enrolled international students. Each graduate student is supervised by at least one primary supervisor, or may be co-supervised by two supervisors. In the case of co-supervision, a primary supervisor must be designated who assumes full responsibility for all aspects of the student's graduate training, while the secondary supervisor primarily provides guidance in interdisciplinary areas related to the student's research.

The training model comprises four components: the training plan (including coursework and compulsory components), academic seminars and presentations, thesis proposal, and practical training.

Course teaching methods generally include classroom lectures, discussions, computer-based experiments, simulation exercises, and field practice at bases. Evaluation methods are divided into examinations and assessments. Examinations

include both open-book and closed-book formats, while assessments primarily refer to other forms of evaluation such as course papers and research reports.

Each component of the compulsory requirements has its own focus in terms of teaching methods, as detailed below:

The training plan includes a course plan and a thesis research plan. The course plan must be completed within two months after enrollment, specifying the course titles, class hours, and credits to be taken. The thesis research plan must be completed prior to the thesis proposal defense, providing specific arrangements for the main research content, literature review and material preparation, thesis proposal, thesis research, thesis writing, and thesis defense. The training plan is implemented after online review and approval by the supervisor.

Academic Seminars: The specific format consists of 4 lectures + 4 seminars, organized uniformly by the discipline. Graduate students take turns delivering presentations on planned topics, followed by discussions centered on the presentation themes. After each academic activity, students are required to complete the "Beijing Forestry University Academic Graduate Student Academic Seminar and Presentation Record Form" (hereinafter referred to as the "Record Form"). Before submitting their graduation defense application online, students must complete the "Beijing Forestry University Academic Graduate Student Academic Seminar and Presentation Evaluation Form" (hereinafter referred to as the "Evaluation Form"). After passing the supervisor's assessment and disciplinary evaluation, students must scan or photograph the signed and sealed Record Form and Evaluation Form, upload them to the graduate education teaching management system, save and submit them for systematic review by the supervisor and the school, and this component is worth 2 credits. Students are encouraged to participate in research activities organized by their supervisors.

Thesis Proposal: In the third semester, graduate students should conduct their thesis proposal under the guidance of their supervisor. Based on extensive literature review and investigation, students must complete the "Beijing Forestry University Academic Master's Degree Candidate Thesis Proposal Report." Students are encouraged to participate in research projects undertaken by their supervisors and to select topics with important practical application value. The thesis topic should reflect innovation, advancement, necessity, and feasibility. The thesis proposal report includes the theoretical significance and practical value of the topic selection, literature review, research objectives, research content, proposed research methods, anticipated difficulties to be overcome, innovative points, and existing research accumulation. The thesis proposal must be reviewed and approved by the supervisor and submitted to the assessment panel members for review one week before the thesis proposal meeting. The disciplinary assessment panel will conduct the proposal defense. Those who fail the defense may reapply for the proposal defense within a certain period (with an interval of no less than three months between two proposal attempts). Students who fail the proposal defense twice will have their student status extended by one year. If they still cannot successfully complete the proposal defense after the extension period or fail a third attempt, their graduate training will be terminated. Upon passing the thesis proposal defense, 1 credit is awarded, and the

proposal must be submitted in writing to the School's Graduate Studies Office for approval and filing by the Associate Dean in charge. Graduate students should carry out their thesis research according to the research plan in the proposal report, with supervisors conducting regular checks on student progress. Other requirements shall follow the "Beijing Forestry University Regulations on Thesis Proposals for Academic Graduate Students (Revised)."

Practical Training: Graduate student practical training includes forms such as forestry practice internships in China or forestry practice internships abroad. It is generally scheduled for the two weeks prior to the end of the spring semester of the first academic year (second semester).

① **Forestry Practice Internship in China:** Requires graduate students to participate in at least one questionnaire survey or discussion meeting analysis activity, and submit a social practice internship report of at least 8,000 words, with the questionnaire and discussion meeting outline attached. This is organized and implemented uniformly by the school.

② **Forestry Practice Internship Abroad:** Requires graduate students to participate in at least one questionnaire survey or discussion meeting analysis activity, and submit a forestry practice internship report of at least 8,000 words related to their overseas experience, with the questionnaire and discussion meeting outline attached.

Before submitting their graduation defense application online, graduate students must complete and print the "Beijing Forestry University Academic Graduate Student Practical Training Assessment Form" (in which practical training activities should be summarized by training type, with no less than 2,000 words for each type). After passing evaluation by the responsible personnel, students must scan or photograph the signed and sealed assessment form and other relevant materials, upload them to the graduate education teaching management system, save and submit them for systematic review and approval by the supervisor and the school. This component is worth 2 credits.

3) Curricular Arrangement by Semester

The new students' registration is planned in September, 2026. The two-year program is divided into four semesters. All courses should be completed by the end of the third semester. The student's education plan should be completed within two months of the first semester; academic seminars and reports be completed by the end of the third semester; thesis proposal completed by the end of the first month of the third semester; field study practice should be carried out in the second and third semester. Students should complete their thesis defense during the fourth semester.

The winter vacation is from late January to late February, and the summer vacation is from July to the late August or early September. The students are scheduled to graduate in July 2028.

4) Thesis

(1) Requirement of degree thesis

The topic and content of the degree thesis should be generally consistent with the thesis proposal. It should demonstrate the graduate student's mastery of fundamental theoretical knowledge in the discipline and their ability to apply the knowledge

acquired to solve specific scientific problems or practical application issues. The research findings should exhibit novelty and possess certain theoretical significance or practical value, either academically or in practice.

Graduate students must complete their degree thesis work independently under the guidance of their supervisor. They should approach the thesis research with a rigorous and realistic attitude, ensuring authenticity of data and materials, appropriateness of methods, correctness of results, clarity of conclusions, conciseness of language, clarity of charts and figures, and comprehensiveness of literature. The thesis should generally be no less than 45,000 words in length and written in English. The thesis format must conform to the "Beijing Forestry University Graduate Degree Thesis Writing Guide."

The degree (graduation) thesis of academic master's students should demonstrate that the graduate student has acquired solid foundational theories and systematic specialized knowledge in the discipline, and should reflect the student's capability to engage in academic research work. The thesis should be written in English, with a Chinese abstract and Chinese table of contents appended.

(2) Prerequisites for Thesis Defense

Before applying for the thesis defense, graduate students must meet the following conditions: First, must have completed all courses and compulsory components as stipulated in the program's training plan; Second, must have completed all thesis defense application procedures, both online and offline, before the specified deadline; Third, must have submitted the complete degree thesis on time and passed the expert anonymous review. Upon meeting the above requirements, graduate students may proceed to the thesis defense.

5) Degree Conferral

Academic master's students who have completed all courses and compulsory components stipulated in the discipline's training plan, met the academic achievement requirements as prescribed by the University and established by the School and discipline (which have been duly filed), and whose degree thesis has undergone review and defense in accordance with the relevant regulations of Beijing Forestry University, shall be conferred the Master's Degree in Management upon approval by the Degree Assessment Sub-committee of the School and the Degree Assessment Committee of the University.

Academic master's students who have completed all coursework and compulsory components stipulated in the discipline's training plan but have not met the degree application requirements may submit a graduation thesis and pass the graduation thesis defense, and shall be eligible for graduation.

*Students must pass the HSK Level 3 (or above) examination before receiving their graduation certificate and degree certificate.

II. Application

1. Application Requirements

(1) Applicants shall be non-Chinese citizens from developing countries, no more than 45 years old (be born after Sept. 1st, 1981) with a good health condition.

(2) Be physically and mentally healthy, provide health certificates or medical examination forms issued by local public hospitals, and be free from diseases that are prohibited by Chinese laws and regulations from entering and staying in China for a long time. No serious hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases,

diabetes, cancer and other serious chronic diseases, mental illnesses or infectious diseases that may pose a significant hazard to public health, recovery from major surgery and acute disease episodes, serious physical disability, non-pregnancy. Female trainees who become pregnant during their study in China will be treated as withdrawal from the program.

(3) Possess a bachelor's degree or above with three or more years of working experience;

(4) Those who have study or work background related to the program they are applying for and are in employment are preferred;

(5) Being a public official of the government department of the host country at the rank of division or above (or the corresponding rank), a senior manager of various organizations and enterprises, or an academic backbone of colleges and universities and scientific research institutes;

(6) Have good English proficiency and be able to use English proficiently for professional courses (reference standard: IELTS 6.0 or above, or TOEFL 80 or above).

(7) Possess the potential for career development in this field, and are interested in promoting friendly exchanges and cooperation between the host country and China.

(8) Students who are already studying in China or have been accepted by other Chinese government scholarship programs are not allowed to apply.

2. Application Procedure

1) Applying for BFU

Please use BFU International Application Portal at <https://bjfu.at0086.cn/student> to submit application materials The application deadline is June 6, 2026.

In scholarship application categories, please select “MOFCOM (The Chinese Ministry of Commerce) Scholarship”.

2) Application Materials

Application materials include the following items:

Documents	Requirements	Original copy	Photocopy
1 Recommendation letter by the applicant's working institution	A recommendation letter by the institution where the applicant works showing its willingness of recommendation is required. In the letter there shall be a brief introduction of the applicant.	1	1
2 Recommendation letters by academics	Recommendation letters from two individuals with the professional title of associate professor or above are required with the description of the applicant's academic background, research field, past achievement, and research abilities also requested.	2	2
3 Acquired degree and diploma certificates	The certificates of acquired degree or diploma (Would-be graduates may submit a letter of proof by their school.)	1	1
4 Academic Transcripts	Transcripts with major courses taken and grades obtained from previous degree education.	1	1

5	Academic plan	It shall cover the applicant's prospects and targets for his/her potential study in China as well as research plan to be accomplished in China. (Written in about 800 Chinese characters or 1000 English words).	1	1
6	CV	Personal background and education and work experience after high school.	1	1
7	English Proficiency Proof	For non-native English speakers only. Applicants shall provide recent test results (within the period of validity) of IELTS with a score of 6.0 or above or TOFEL (Internet-based) with a score of 80 or above or other relevant certificates.	1	1
8	Regular passport	Passport's information page showing photo, name, passport number, etc. Diplomatic passport or official passport is not acceptable. Passports need to be valid for more than 6 months.	1	1
9	Physical Examination Form	The health form shall be issued within one month before the submission of application, showing that the applicant doesn't carry any infectious disease or any disability that might affect academic activities or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection Regulations.	1	1
10	Non-criminal record	The Certificate of Non Criminal Conviction needs to be valid for less than 6 months and must be issued by the local police department or authority.	1	1

Please note: Among the above mentioned application materials, the original contents of 3.4.7. 8.9.10 will be required to be shown while registering; if any item is missing or inconsistent with the copy submitted previously, the registration will be refused.

3) Application submission

(1) The trainee can apply for the scholarship program after obtaining the approval and recommendation of the relevant responsible department of the government, and submit the materials according to the specific requirements of the relevant departments of the host country;

(2) If the host government allows the individual to submit the materials directly to the Chinese embassy, the student must hold the relevant certificate or recommendation letter approved by the host country to study in China, and the original paper documents formed by the above 1, 2 and 3. The scanned electronic version of the document was submitted to the Economic and Commercial Office of the Chinese Embassy in the country; The addresses and contact details of the Economic and Commercial offices can be found on the official website of Ministry of Commerce. <http://www.mofcom.gov.cn/>.

(3) The responsible department of the host government requests the Economic

and Commercial Office of the Chinese Embassy to issue a recommendation letter for the recommended student in the country, and indicate in the written request that if the university they applied to has been used up, whether they are willing to accept the adjustment to the same or similar programs in other universities. If the applicant has other special instructions, please also submit.

Attention:

a) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized translation copy in Chinese or English is required.

b) An original copy of degrees, transcripts and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification at the Economic and Commercial Counselor Office of the Chinese Embassy. Applicants have to scan the document and upload it in the application system after be verified by the Economic and Commercial Counselor Office

c) Applicants will reclaim all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and photocopies from the Economic and Commercial Counselor Office of Chinese Embassy. If admitted, they must take the documents to China and present them to the International College for authenticity check.

3. Application Deadline

All applicants must submit their materials before June 6 , 2026

Application Link: bjfu.at0086.cn/student

III. Other Information

1.Contact

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2.Other notes

1)Application materials will not be returned regardless of the outcome.

2)The Chinese government will not provide any explanation regarding the admission decision.

3)It is not allowed to bring your spouse or children to China to accompany with you. The expenses of visiting spouse and/or children will not be covered by the scholarships.

4) Necessary documents for visa processing and other relevant matters will be included in admission letter.