

NEWSLETTER

EDUCATION

27 April - 3 May 2026



China Launches "AI Plus Education" Initiative for Nationwide Classroom Integration

China will embed artificial intelligence across all school levels by 2030, with dedicated AI courses for K-12, integration into after-school programs, and making AI part of the basic curriculum for all university students. The Ministry of Education aims to reduce teacher workloads through intelligent grading while using classroom analytics to refine instruction. **(Ministry of Education)**

China Mandates Standardized Exam for International Students

Starting with the 2026 intake, most international applicants must take the China Scholastic Competency Assessment (CSCA), with mathematics compulsory for all candidates. The exam reflects Beijing's shift from quantity to quality in international education and will be mandatory for all undergraduates by 2028, reflecting Beijing's shift from quantity to quality in international education. **(Inside Higher ED)**

China AI EdTech Market Projected to Reach \$16.25 Billion by 2034

The China AI in education technology market, valued at \$846.1 million in 2025, is forecast to grow at a 38.87% compound annual rate to reach \$16.25 billion by 2034. Growth is driven by government-mandated AI curriculum integration, AI-powered personalized learning platforms leveraging massive student datasets, and major tech company investments in intelligent educational hardware following the tutoring sector crackdown. **(IMARC)**

Multiple Top Universities Expand Scholarship Programs for International Students

Xiamen University, Nankai University, Shandong University, and others have opened 2026 scholarship applications for international students, offering full tuition coverage and annual stipends up to ¥36,000 (\$5294). Programs span undergraduate through PhD levels, with many requiring the new CSCA exam and HSK Chinese proficiency certification. **(Inside Higher ED)**