

# Xiamen University – University of Southampton PhD Scholarship Scheme

2015 entry

## About the University of Southampton

The University of Southampton is an international university with a global reputation for excellence in leading edge research and high quality teaching. A member of the influential Russell Group association of major UK research intensive universities, Southampton consistently ranks among the top 100 universities worldwide.

Currently there are around 23,500 students, including more than 5,000 international students from around the world, and over 5,000 staff based across six campuses in Southampton, Winchester and Malaysia.

Southampton is a maritime city on the south coast of England, just over an hour from London by train.

## Academic subject areas

We offer a wide range of courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including Engineering, Science, Health and Life Sciences, Law, Management, Medicine, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences.

## PhD study opportunities

Standard PhD programmes involve three years of full time independent research. Some academic areas offer 4 year integrated PhD programmes (iPhD) which may involve taught modules as well as independent research.

You can find a full list of the subject areas in which we offer Doctoral research programmes (PhD) at [www.southampton.ac.uk/research/phd](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/research/phd)

## Accommodation

We guarantee University accommodation to international students for up to two years of study. We offer a range of self-catering accommodation options with easy access to all of the University's campuses.

## University facilities

The University's learning environment includes a library on every campus, with online access to many resources accessible via Wi-Fi. The Centre for Language Study offers English language support all year round.

The Students' Union offers a wide range of social and sporting activities including over 120 student-run clubs and societies. The University also hosts three professional arts venues - a concert hall, a theatre and an art gallery – on its Highfield campus.

## Living costs

We recommend around £10,500 for each year of postgraduate study to cover living expenses such accommodation, food, books and leisure activities.

### University of Southampton website

[www.southampton.ac.uk/](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/)

### Faculties and subject areas

[www.southampton.ac.uk/faculties/](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/faculties/)

### PhD courses

[www.southampton.ac.uk/research/phd/](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/research/phd/)

### How to apply

[www.southampton.ac.uk/research/phd/apply.shtml](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/research/phd/apply.shtml)

### Information for international students

[www.southampton.ac.uk/international/](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/international/)

# Xiamen University – University of Southampton PhD Scholarships: Terms and Conditions

## Funding

Up to 7 scholarships are expected to be available for 2015 entry. The scholarships cover full tuition fee costs for each year of the PhD programme for up to 4 years.

To be eligible for this scholarship, candidates must also successfully apply for maintenance funding of a minimum of USD 1,500 per month from the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC) or another source.

## Entry requirements

Each PhD programme has particular academic entry requirements and English language requirements.

- **Academic entry requirements**  
Typical academic entry requirements are a Bachelor degree with a grade of 2:1 or equivalent. Some programmes may also require a Masters degree with good grades.
- **English language requirements**  
These range from IELTS 6.0 to IELTS 7.0 overall, with particular grades required in each component. General entry requirements can be found at:  
<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentadmin/admissions/admissionpolicies/language/>  
Applicants must have met the English language requirements when they apply for the scholarship.

For specific academic and English language entry requirements for particular programmes, see the relevant Faculty webpage or contact the Faculty Admissions team.

## Application process

- All applicants must be nominated by Xiamen University.
- Nominated applicants should complete the University's online postgraduate application form which is available on the website: [www.southampton.ac.uk/research/phd/apply.shtml](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/research/phd/apply.shtml)
- In the Funding section of the application form applicants should state that they wish to be considered for the **Xiamen – Southampton PhD Scholarship scheme**.
- Guidance about the supporting documents required is available on the How to Apply section of each Faculty's Postgraduate Study website.
- For many programmes applicants must submit a research proposal, and are required to discuss their topic with academic staff in advance in order to identify a suitable project and/or potential supervisor.
- Academic staff will review the applications and nominate appropriate candidates to the University's PhD Scholarships Selection Panel which will take place in February 2015.

## Deadlines

Candidates apply to the University of Southampton

**Friday 9th January 2015**

Faculties nominate candidates to the PhD Scholarships Selection Panel

**January 2015**

PhD Scholarships Selection Panel meeting

**February 2015**

Faculties notify successful candidates and issue offer letters

**End of February 2015**

Candidates apply for CSC funding

**April – May 2015**

CSC funding results

**End of May 2015**

Confirmation of scholarships by the University of Southampton

**June 2015**

Scholarships will be confirmed once successful candidates can demonstrate they have subsequently secured funding for their living costs from the CSC or other funding organisation.

## Further information

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