

## PhD studentship (Full-time)



Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
Department	Department of Architecture
Supervisors	Principle supervisor: Dr Tordis Berstrand (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University) Co-supervisor: Dr Christina Matathouni (University of Liverpool, UK);
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	院落住宅：跨越时间与地方的空间转译 Courtyard Housing: Spatial Translations across Time and Place
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### **Requirements:**

The candidate should have a first class or upper second class honours degree, or a master's degree (or equivalent qualification), in Architecture and/or Architectural History and Theory. Evidence of good spoken and written English is essential. The candidate should have an IELTS score of 6.5 or above, or an equivalent qualification, if the first language is not English. This position is open to all qualified candidates irrespective of nationality.

### **Degree:**

The student will be awarded a PhD degree from the University of Liverpool (UK) upon successful completion of the program.

### **Funding:**

The PhD studentship is available for three years subject to satisfactory progress by the student. The award covers tuition fees for three years (currently equivalent to RMB 80,000 per annum) and provides a monthly stipend of 3500 RMB as a contribution to living expenses. It also provides up to RMB 16,500 to allow participation at international conferences during the period of the award. It is a condition of the award that holders of XJTLU PhD scholarships carry out 300-500 hours of teaching assistance work per year. The scholarship holder is expected to carry out the major part of his or her research at XJTLU in Suzhou, China. However, he or she is eligible for a research study visit to the University of Liverpool of up to three months, if this is required by the project.

**Project Description:**

The scholarship offers an exciting opportunity to pursue a program of research that involves courtyard housing in China and abroad. The doctoral study will focus on local examples of courtyard housing in the context of Suzhou, while the candidate will define a comparative study of a transnational scope of his/her own preference. As a historical study, the doctoral work will engage with questions regarding typological translation and transferability in relation to notions of 'place' and site-specific settlement. The courtyard space, as the central marker of the courtyard house, will be of particular interest as a spatial manifestation and catalyst for the dwelling typology's longevity and geographical adaptability.

For more information about doctoral scholarship and PhD programme at Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU): Please visit

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**How to Apply:**

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- CV
- Two reference letters
- Personal statement outlining your interest in the position
- Proof of English language proficiency (an IELTS score of above 6.5 or equivalent is required)
- Verified school transcripts in both Chinese and English (for international students, only the English version is required)
- Verified certificates of education qualifications in both Chinese and English (for international students, only the English version is required)

**Informal enquiries** may be addressed to Dr Tordis Berstrand ([Tordis.Berstrand@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto:Tordis.Berstrand@xjtlu.edu.cn)), whose personal profile is linked below,

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