

PhD studentship (Full-time)

Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
Department	Department of Biological Science
Supervisors	Principle supervisor: Dr. Hebin Liu (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University) and Dr. Xiao-feng Qin (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University and Suzhou Institute of Systems Medicine (ISM), Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences) Co-supervisor: TBD (University of Liverpool, UK);
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	T-Cell Immunity and diseases
Contact	Please email doctoralstudies@xjtlu.edu.cn and sisishenxi@hotmail.com with a subject line of the PhD project title

Requirements:

The candidate should have a first class or upper second class honours degree, or a master's degree (or equivalent qualification), in molecular biology, immunology, cell biology or medicine. 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:

We invite highly motivated young talent with prior knowledge and training in immunology and cell biology for a PhD fellowship position studying T cell immunity. The position is embedded in a joint research project focusing on T cell signaling, development and anti-tumor immune responses. The PhD project will investigate the role of immune adaptors e.g. SLP-76 in T-cell signaling and its regulation, memory formation and cytolytic effector function. It will employ live-cell imaging, deeper tissue two-photon imaging, flow cytometry and other cutting-edge technologies in immunology including transgenic and gene knockout mouse models.

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<http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/admissions/phd.html>

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How to Apply:

Interested applicants are advised to email.....@xjtlu.edu.cn (principle supervisor's email address) the following documents and copy doctoralstudies@xjtlu.edu.cn (please put the project title in the subject line).

- 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)

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