

## PhD studentship (Full-time)



Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
Department	Department of Civil Engineering.
Supervisors	Principle supervisor: Byung Gyoo Kang (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University) Co-supervisor: Adam Mannis (University of Liverpool, UK);
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	Framework of Total Corporate Responsibility for China Construction Companies – with respect to Competitiveness, Governance, Social Responsibility and Sustainability 中国建筑公司总企业责任框架 - 关于竞争力, 社会责任和可持续性
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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 Construction Management, Quantity Surveying, Civil Engineering, or Building (Architectural) Engineering. 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:**

Corporate responsibilities - Corporate Competitiveness (CC), Corporate Governance (CG), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and Corporate Sustainability (CS) - are a new paradigm for companies to pursue to be successful in business in the 21st century. However, the construction company is still staggering with respect to corporate responsibilities. Further considering the role and responsibilities of the China construction industry in the global market, corporate responsibilities of China construction companies should satisfy the demands and requirements from the society and stakeholders. This research aims to identify the obstacles/barriers for China construction companies to implement corporate responsibilities, deduce the causes and solutions of the obstacles/barriers and develop a framework. The framework will be used by China construction companies to improve their corporate responsibility policies and activities. Experts and professionals in international construction will be interviewed and major and international construction companies in China will be visited for questionnaire surveys. Inductive and deductive methods of research will be used to conduct problem-cause-solution approach. The outcomes of this research will make timely and significant contributions to the China construction industry.

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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)

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