

**PhD studentship (Full-time)**

Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
Department	School of Film and Television Arts
Supervisors	Principle supervisor: Professor David Goodman (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University) Co-supervisor: Dr Nicole Talmacs (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University) Co-supervisor: Dr Graham Needham (University of Liverpool, UK);
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	Co-producing China: Art, Diplomacy and Economics
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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 (but not limited to if relevant) Media and Communications studies, Film Studies, Social Sciences, or China Studies. Evidence of good spoken and written English is essential; a strong grasp of Chinese spoken and written language will also be beneficial. The candidate should have an IELTS score of 7.0 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:**

China has established numerous film co-production treaties with a range of national film industries. This PhD will consider China's film co-production treaties as a network of strategic alliances, and interrogate where the lines of diplomatic, artistic and economic interests lie for the Chinese State in signing these co-production treaties. As these treaties take place within China's developing media broadcasting initiatives across the globe, the project has the potential to consider these treaties within China's broader global media broadcasting initiatives. It is expected that applicants for this project will have a strong grasp of spoken and written English and Mandarin Chinese, although English will be the language of articulation. The PhD candidate will also be expected to provide teaching assistance in the Chinese Communications and Chinese Cinema modules at XJTLU.

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

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

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### **How to Apply:**

Interested applicants are advised to send to [david.goodman@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto:david.goodman@xjtlu.edu.cn) (principal supervisor's email address) the following documents and copy [doctoralstudies@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto: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 7.0 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. Nicole Talmacs ([Nicole.talmacs@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto:Nicole.talmacs@xjtlu.edu.cn)), whose personal profile is linked below,

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