

PhD studentship (Full-time)



Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
Department	Department of Urban Planning and Design
Supervisors	Principle supervisor: Dr Sophie Sturup (XJTLU, Urban Planning and Design) Co-supervisor: Professor Adam Cross.(XJTLU, Department of International Relations) Co-supervisor: Professor David Shaw.(UoL, School of Geography)
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	Harmony, moderation and Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the Chinese context: lessons for harnessing PPPs for a global audience 如何有效利用 PPP 模式以适应中国的和谐及可持续发展目标
Contact	Please email Sophie.sturup@xjtlu.edu.cn (XJTLU principal supervisor's email address) 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 Urban Planning and Design, Geography, or other relevant subject areas. Evidence of good spoken and written English is essential. The candidate should have an IELTS score of **6.5 or above**, if the first language is not English. This position is open to all qualified candidates irrespective of nationality. Fluency in Mandarin is also necessary.

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:

This project seeks to understand the factors that would allow for, or prevent, public private partnerships (PPPs) which are focused on supporting harmonious society and moderate growth in China. The project will review current public private partnerships in China. Factors to be considered may include but not be limited to, the structure and conditions of the partnerships (e.g. the form and content of contracts), the nature of the parties to the contracts (e.g. organisational culture), the nature of the projects the partnerships are designed to produce (e.g. transport infrastructure and urban development), and the conditions for PPPs in China (e.g. in relation to relevant policy frameworks)

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<http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/study-with-us/admissions/entry-requirements>

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How to Apply:

Interested applicants are advised to email Dr Sophie Sturup, sophie.sturup@xjtlu.edu.cn the following documents for initial review and assessment (please put the project title in the subject line).

- CV
- Two reference letters with company/university letterhead
- Personal statement outlining your interest in the position
- Proof of English language proficiency (an IELTS score of 6.5 or above)
- 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. Sophie Sturup (sophie.sturup@xjtlu.edu.cn), whose personal profile is linked below, <http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/departments/academic-departments/urban-planning-and-design/staff/sophie-sturup>

