

Admission F.A.Q. (Frequently Asked Questions) – for PhD

Q1: Is the PhD degree awarded by XJTLU (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University) or the University of Liverpool (UoL) in the UK?

A: The PhD degree is awarded by the University of Liverpool in the UK. The degree is recognized by the Department of Education of UK as well as China's Ministry of Education.

Q2: How long does it take to pursue a doctoral degree programme?

A: Pursuing a full-time PhD at Liverpool involves three to four years of conducting and writing up your research, supported by subject-specific and generic skills training and development. You are encouraged to submit your thesis within three years of registration, and you must ensure that your submission happens within four years (or six years for part time PhD researchers).

Q3: What PhD programmes does XJTLU offer?

A: Please visit the departmental webpage for updated information, including funded projects and supervisor's information in various academic schools and departments at XJTLU.

Q4: How much is the tuition fee for doctoral study?

A: Currently, tuition fees payable by self-funded full-time students for postgraduate research programme is RMB 80,000/year. For part-time PhD students, the fee is RMB 60,000/year. **However, students who are awarded the XJTLU Full PGR Scholarship do not pay tuition fees.** Part-time PhD students are not eligible for any scholarship.

Q5: Does XJLTU offer PhD students scholarships and teaching assistant posts?

A: Yes, XJTLU offers a number of PhD scholarships to attract outstanding graduate students to join the XJTLU research community. This covers the tuition fee waiver and a monthly stipend of RMB 3,500, which is paid quarterly in advance. Students who are awarded an XJTLU PhD full scholarship are required to work as Teaching Assistants in each semester, which is an excellent opportunity to develop academic skills. Students who do not hold XJTLU PhD full scholarships are encouraged to apply for paid Teaching Assistant posts.

Q6: How can I apply for an XJTLU PhD scholarship?

A: You will be considered for scholarship when you submit your application for funded PhD projects (listed on departmental websites). You are encouraged to contact potential supervisors directly to see if there is any scholarship opportunity.

Q7: How much time does an application take?

A: The application will be reviewed at both XJTLU and UoL. After the whole application package is forwarded to University of Liverpool (UoL) for review, it usually takes around one month, or even longer in some special cases, for a candidate to be directly advised of the result of PhD application by the University of Liverpool.

Q8: I am an international student. How long does it take for a visa to be processed?

A: For international PhD students, visa processing can take up to 2 months after you received the offer letter and applicants are not advised to book flights until you have received your visas.

Q9: What kind of recommendation letters would be appropriate for PhD application?

A: It is your responsibility to obtain two formal recommendation letters from your referees with company/university letterhead. At least one referee should be a member of the institution at which you last studied.

Please approach your referees before you make your application and include a copy with your application form.

Q10: I graduated from a local university in China. What is the requirement for my English language and also the degree certificate and university transcript?

A: Since you received degree certificate from a Chinese university and the teaching medium was not English, valid certificate of English Language such as official IELTS is needed. For your degree certificate and university transcript which are written in Chinese, you need to have them verified: translated into English and notarized.

Q11: I graduated from a US university three years ago, do I still need to provide English language certificate?

A: Usually English language certificate such as IELTS remains valid for 2 years. After 2 years, they will become invalid. In your case, your degree was awarded 3 years ago. You still need to provide English language certificate (IELTS) to establish your English level.

Q12: Currently I'm a final year student in another university. I shall receive my degree certificate and university transcript in a couple of months, and my IELTS report has not been issued. Can I apply for PhD degree now?

A: We recommend you apply for PhD after obtained your Bachelor and/or Master official transcripts and certification.

Q13: How to prepare my PhD project proposal?

A: You are encouraged to contact potential supervisors via email. Your supervisors will give you some useful suggestions on how to write PhD project proposals. Your proposal should include the name and department of your supervisors at XJTLU and at the University of Liverpool, and the percentage of supervision responsibility (e.g. 80%, 20%).

Q14: Do I have a chance to go to UoL during doctoral study?

A: As a registered **full-time** doctoral student, you have the opportunity to apply for a research visit to UoL for up to three months. Your accommodation and travel fees will be covered by XJTLU and UoL.

Q15: Are there opportunities to attend conferences?

A: **Full-time** PhD students are funded to attend local and international conferences during their 4 years of study, with a limit of RMB16,500 over the duration of their PhD studies.

Q16: Is there a PhD entrance examination given by XJTLU or UoL?

A: You may be interviewed by potential supervisors before formal application.

Q17: Is there a deadline for PhD application?

A: No, there is no deadline for PhD application. As long as you fulfil the entry requirements, you can start your doctoral study on the first day of any month after you have fulfilled the admission conditions and, if applicable, have obtained a visa for entry into China.

常见问题

1. 问：在西交利物浦大学读博，博士学位由哪里颁发？

答：我们的博士学位由英国利物浦大学颁发，学位获得中国教育部及英国教育部的双重认可。

2. 问：西交利物浦大学博士学位的学制是几年？

答：利物浦大学的全日制博士需要三到四年的时间来进行研究和撰写论文。建议您在 3 年内提交博士论文；在第 4 年必须确保完成提交博士论文（非全日制博士生需要 6 年时间完成提交博士论文）。

3. 问：西交利物浦大学有什么博士研究项目？

答：您可以通过访问各个院系的网站来了解各院系博士生导师信息以及最新的奖学金项目。

4. 问：西交利物浦大学博士生的学费是多少？

答：目前全日制博士生学费为每年 80,000 人民币。非全日制博士生的学费为每年 60,000 人民币。获得奖学金的全日制博士生可免费入学。非全日制博士生不可申请奖学金。

5. 问：西交利物浦大学提供博士奖学金及助教岗位吗？

答：学校为成绩优异的学生提供博士奖学金。获得奖学金的学生，可免除学费，并可领取每月 3,500 元的生活补助（按季度提前发放）。获得全额奖学金的学生有义务在学校担任助教的工作，培养教学和科研能力。未获得全额奖学金的学生，也可报名申请有偿助教的岗位。

6. 问：如何申请西交利物浦大学的博士奖学金？

答：在您提交奖学金项目（详情请参照各院系网站）的入学申请材料之后，学校会审核是否为您提供博士奖学金。建议您通过邮件直接联系导师咨询是否有奖学金机会。

7. 问：申请入学的流程一般需要多久？

答：博士生申请材料需要由西交利物浦大学和英国利物浦大学共同审核。在全部申请材料提交到英国利物浦大学进行审核后，利物浦大学通常需要一个月左右，在特殊情况下甚至更长时间，审核您的申请材料并直接告知申请结果。

8. 问：我是一名留学生，申请签证需要多久？

答：收到录取通知书后，国际生的签证申请一般需要两个月左右的时间。建议您在获得签证之后再预定机票。

9. 问：提交申请材料，对推荐信有何要求？

答：在正式申请之前，您需要自行获得两份带有单位或组织机构抬头的正式推荐信。两名推荐信中至少要有一名来自您之前就读的学校。

10. 问：我毕业于一所中国内地的大学，申请对我的英文水平及学历证书和成绩单内容有什么要求？

答：对毕业于中国内地的、全日制本科或硕士课程未采用全英文教学的学生，有效的语言成绩，如雅思证书是必需的。如果您的毕业证书及成绩单都是中文版的，在提交材料时，需要将其翻译成英文，并获得公证。

11. 问：我3年前毕业于美国的一所大学，我仍需提供英语语言成绩证明吗？

答：一般的语言成绩证明如雅思的有效期限都是两年，两年以上则视为过期。因此您需要英语语言成绩证明（雅思证书）。

12. 问：我目前即将从另一所大学毕业，几个月后即可获得毕业证书及成绩单证明，雅思考试的成绩单还未拿到，我可以申请西交利物浦大学的博士吗？

答：我们建议您在获得本科和/或硕士学位的正式成绩单和证书之后进行博士生申请。

13. 问：申请材料对博士课题报告有何要求？

答：建议您通过邮件咨询导师，寻求指导。报告需明确写出西交利物浦大学及英国利物浦大学的导师姓名、院系及其指导的比重（如80%，20%）。

14. 问：在西交利物浦大学就读博士期间，我有机会到英国利物浦大学进行学习吗？

答：全日制博士生可申请公费去英国利物浦大学进行1-3个月的研究访问学习。住宿和差旅费将分别由英国利物浦大学及西交利物浦大学承担。

15. 问：我在读博期间有机会参加学术会议吗？

答：全日制博士生在攻读学位的4年内可公费（经费16,500元）参加国内及国际性学术会议，发表学术成果。

16. 问：贵校博士生有入学考试吗？

答：正式申请之前，您的潜在导师会根据需求安排面试。

17. 问：贵校博士生申请有截止日期吗？

答：没有截止日期。只要您符合英国利物浦大学的入学要求，在完成申请步骤或获得中国签证后，您可以选择在任何一个月的 1 号入学开始博士学习。