

PhD studentship (Full-time)



Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
Department	International Business School Suzhou
Supervisors	Principle supervisor: Dr. Lixian Qian (XJTLU, International Business School Suzhou) Co-supervisor: Dr. Dong Li (University of Liverpool, School of Management)
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	Adoption and Diffusion of New Energy Vehicles: the Unified View of Electrification, Sharing and Connected-Autonomous Driving 新能源汽车的采纳与扩散研究：基于电动化、共享化和智能网联化的融合视角
Contact	Lixian.Qian@xjtlu.edu.cn 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 Business, Economics, Mathematics or Transportation Engineering. 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.

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 5,000 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:

Although China is the world largest market of new energy vehicles, it is facing significant challenges regarding policy changes and technological disruption. The existing literature mainly focuses on the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs), but little attention has been paid to the unified effects of vehicle electrification, sharing and autonomous driving. Informed by these three industrial trends, this project consists of multiple studies, including the first three studies focusing on electrification, sharing and autonomous driving respectively, followed by an integrative study on these three aspects. The results of this project will provide significant implications for government policy and business practices. This project is funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), and thus the PhD student would benefit from using the research fund for data collection.

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

<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. Lixian Qian (Lixian.Qian@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. Lixian Qian (Lixian.Qian@xjtlu.edu.cn), whose personal profile is linked below,

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