

## PhD studentship (Full-time)



Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
Department	Department of Public Health
Supervisors	<p><i>Please list all the names in the supervisory team. It should be consistent with the information on your approved RDF proposal.</i></p> <p>Principal supervisor: Dr. Marius Wamsiedel (XJTLU, Department of Public Health) Co-supervisor: Dr. Elmer Villanueva (XJTLU, Department of Public Health) Co-supervisor: Dr. Paula Byrne (UoL, Department of Health Services Research)</p>
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	The interactional accomplishment of credibility in Chinese health care settings 中国医院患者信誉的互动生成
Contact	Please email <a href="mailto:Marius.Wamsiedel@xjtlu.edu.cn">Marius.Wamsiedel@xjtlu.edu.cn</a> (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 Sociology, Anthropology, Linguistics, or Communication. 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 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 focuses on the practical assessment of patient credibility during interactions taking place at the emergency department of a Chinese public hospital. It examines the interactional strategies used by practitioners and patients to discuss credibility; the consequences of the credibility assessment on the handling of patients at the emergency department; and the role of culture in the assessment of credibility. The project includes 6 months of ethnographic fieldwork. Data-collection methods consist of daily observation, tape-recording of health care interactions, in-depth interviews with health care practitioners, and review of administrative data on the service and the clientele at the research site. Field notes, transcripts of naturally occurring interactions, interview transcripts and other documentary evidence gathered as part of the project will be analyzed in NVivo.

Given the nature of the project, excellent Mandarin skills are required. Some familiarity with conversation analysis, ethnomethodology, or symbolic interaction would be an advantage.

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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 Marius.Wamsiedel@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. Marius Wamsiedel (Marius.Wamsiedel@xjtlu.edu.cn), whose personal profile is linked below,

<http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/departments/academic-departments/public-health/staff/marius-wamsiedel>