

PhD studentship (Full-time)

Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
School	School of Design
Supervisors	Principal supervisor: Dr. Yiping Dong (XJTLU) Co-supervisor: Dr. Claudia Westermann (XJTLU) Co-supervisor: Professor Soumyen Bandyopadhyay (UoL)
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	Spatial Curation for Rural Revitalization and Urban Regeneration in China - Is Public Art a Good Method?
Contact	Please email yiping.dong@xjtlu.edu.cn (XJTLU principal supervisor's email address) with a subject line of the PhD project title. The principal supervisor's profile is linked here: https://scholar.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/persons/YipingDong

Requirements:

The candidate should have a first class or upper second class honours degree, or a master's degree (or equivalent qualification), in **Architecture or related programmes such as Architectural Design/ Heritage Studies Urban Planning/ Landscape Design/ Environmental Design, etc.**

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 99,000 per annum). It also provides up to RMB 16,500 to allow participation at international conferences during the period of the award. The scholarship holders are expected to conduct the majority of their research at XJTLU in Suzhou, China. However, they may apply for a short-term research visit to the University of Liverpool if the project requires it.

Project Description:

After 30 years of rapid urbanization, urban regeneration, and rural revitalization are the new challenges for the built environment in China, particularly for the historical areas with values. The site-specific Art Season is usually a continuous collective public event with the invited artists' work organized by curators interacting with one particular place, which is a new approach for revitalizing the built environment in China, particularly in the Metropolitans like Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Beijing, also recently in villages in Fujian, Yunnan, Jiangxi, Guangdong, Zhejiang and other areas. This research is intended to investigate and theorize these spatial curation and implementation processes in the historic built environment in China with an interdisciplinary framework in architecture, public art, and heritage conservation.

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

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How to Apply:

Interested applicants are advised to email yiping.dong@xjtlu.edu.cn (XJTLU principal supervisor's email address) the following documents for initial review and assessment (please put the project title in the subject line).

- CV
- Two formal reference letters
- Personal statement outlining your interest in the position
- Certificates of English language qualifications (IELTS or equivalent)
- Full academic 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)
- PDF copy of Master Degree dissertation (or an equivalent writing sample) and examiners reports available