

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

Q1: How long does it take to pursue a PhD degree programme? Is the PhD degree awarded by Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU) or the University of Liverpool (UoL) in the UK?

A: Full-time PhD students typically take 3-4 years to complete their studies, while part-time students usually require 4-6 years. Both full-time and part-time students can obtain a PhD degree certificate awarded by the University of Liverpool and a corresponding certificate from Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University upon meeting the graduation requirements. The degree certificate is recognized by the Ministry of Education of China.

Q2: What PhD programmes does XJTLU offer?

A: XJTLU currently offers 16 PhD programmes. You are welcome to visit the official website to learn about the features and requirements of each programme.

Q3: What is the tuition fee for the PhD programme at XJTLU?

A: Currently, the tuition fee payable for full-time PhD students is RMB 99,000 per year, while for part-time PhD students, it is RMB 75,000 per year. Graduates of Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, the University of Liverpool or Xi'an Jiaotong University will receive a discount of 20% of the tuition fee if they are admitted to the PhD programme at XJTLU.

Q4: Does XJTLU offer PhD students scholarships and teaching assistant posts?

A: XJTLU offers scholarships to outstanding full-time PhD students. Students awarded a full scholarship will have their tuition fees waived and receive a monthly stipend of 5,000 RMB. Other students may also apply for teaching assistant or research assistant positions, with compensation based on the university's standard rates.

Q5: How can I apply for an XJTLU PhD scholarship? Can I continue with my PhD application if I don't receive a scholarship?

A: For detailed information on scholarship applications, please refer to the scholarship page on the university's website. Applicants who are not awarded a scholarship, with the School approval, may choose to self-fund their PhD studies or apply for the next round of scholarship evaluations.

Q6: How much time does an application take?

A: The application will be reviewed at both XJTLU and UoL. After the whole application package is completed and forwarded to the 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.

Q7: What kind of recommendation letters would be appropriate for PhD application?

A: The Recommendation letters should be issued recently for the purpose of your XJTLU PhD application with company/university letterhead. The letter cannot be issued by the prospective supervisors. At least one referee should be someone who has taught you at the highest degree level. If you are a graduate, you may provide one employer reference in place of an academic reference.

Q8: Which English language tests are accepted by the university? What are the language requirements?

A: We accept IELTS (Academic), TOEFL iBT, and PTE (Academic) for the PhD programme. The language requirement is an IELTS score of 6.5 or 7, or the equivalent. Requirements may vary by programme. For detailed information, please visit the official XJTLU website.

Please note that the English test report is valid for two years, from the report date to the start date of the PhD programme. We do not accept a combination of test scores taken at different times for any accepted English proficiency tests.

Q9: I am about to graduate, but I have not yet obtained my degree certificate or complete transcript, and I am still preparing for the language proficiency exam. Can I submit my PhD application?

A: You can submit your PhD application via the online system first. The Graduate School will provide feedback based on the materials you submit. Please note that a degree certificate (or proof of completion), a complete transcript, and language proficiency certificates are required application materials. Only complete applications will proceed to the formal review process.

Q10: 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. For detailed information, please refer to our PhD project proposal [template](#).

Q11: Do I have a chance to go to UoL during my doctoral study?

A: As a registered full-time PhD student, you have the opportunity to apply for a short-term research visit to the University of Liverpool.

Q12: Are there opportunities to attend conferences?

A: XJTLU has made available funding for up to RMB165,00 to support the PhD students to attend research conferences. It aims to enhance the academic experience of students, encourage the dissemination of research and enhance the University's research profile nationally and internationally.

Q13: Is there a deadline for PhD applications? What is the review process?

A: XJTLU accepts PhD applications all year round. Applicants can choose to start their studies on the 1st of March, June, September, or December each year. After submitting the online application, the Graduate School will conduct an initial review of the materials. Applications that are complete and meet the minimum admission requirements will be forwarded to the relevant schools at XJTLU for further evaluation. Once the school has approved the application, it will be sent to the University of Liverpool for final evaluation. Applicants who meet the requirements will receive an offer letter from the University of Liverpool.

Q14: What are the requirements for PhD graduation?

A: The university implements rigorous process management to ensure the quality of training. During the studies, each PhD student is required to participate in annual assessments and defenses, during which an independent review panel evaluates their progress. Only students who pass the assessment can register for the following academic year, and graduation is granted only after successfully defending the final thesis.

博士录取常见问题：

1. 西交利物浦大学博士学位的学制是几年？博士学位由哪里颁发？可以获得中国教育部的学历认证吗？

答：全日制博士生通常需要 3-4 年完成学业；非全日制博士生通常需要 4-6 年完成学业。全日制和非全日制博士生在达到毕业要求后，均可获得由英国利物浦大学颁发的博士学位证书及西交利物浦大学相应证书。该博士学位证书可获得中国教育部的认证。

2. 西交利物浦大学有什么博士研究项目？

答：西交利物浦大学现设 16 个博士专业。您可以通过访问西交利物浦大学官方网站来了解相关博士专业特色和具体要求。

3. 西交利物浦大学博士项目学费是多少？

答：目前全日制博士生学费为每年 99,000 人民币。非全日制博士生的学费为每年 75,000 人民币。西交利物浦大学、利物浦大学或西安交通大学的毕业生将享受 20% 的学费减免。

4. 西交利物浦大学提供博士奖学金及助教岗位吗？

答：西交利物浦大学为优秀的全日制博士生提供奖学金。获得全额奖学金的学生，将免除学费，并获得每月 5000 元生活补助。其他学生也可以申请助教或科研助理岗位，薪酬按照学校标准支付。

5. 如何申请西交利物浦大学的博士奖学金？如果没有获得奖学金我还可以继续博士申请吗？

答：奖学金申请详细内容可参考学校网站奖学金页面。未获评奖学金的申请人，经院系同意，可选择自费读博或申请下一轮奖学金评审。

6. 申请入学的流程一般需要多久？

答：博士生的申请材料需经由西交利物浦大学与英国利物浦大学共同审核。一旦所有申请材料被递交至英国利物浦大学进行核查，该大学通常会在大约一个月内完成审核流程；然而，在特定情况下，审核周期可能会相应延长，直至最终通知您申请结果。

7. 提交申请材料，对推荐信有何要求？

答：申请人需要提供两封推荐信，其中至少有一封出自申请人最高学历的授课老师。推荐信需使用推荐人所在单位抬头纸，注明推荐人职位、联系方式并附其手写签名。如果申请人已参加工作，可以提供一封雇主推荐信和一封学术推荐信。推荐信不可由博士生导师出具。

8. 学校接受哪些英语语言考试成绩？成绩要求是什么？

答：学术类雅思、托福 iBT 及培生英语线下考试成绩均可接受。雅思要求通常在 6.5-7 分，各专业要求不同，可浏览西浦官网-博士生招生-录取要求页面查看具体要求。西交利物浦大学不接受任何形式的英语考试拼分。

9. 我即将毕业，但尚未取得学位证书及完整的成绩单，同时在准备语言考试，我可以提交博士申请吗？

答：你可以先在线提交博士申请，研究生院会根据你递交的材料，给出相应的反馈意见。请注意，学位证书（或完读证明）、完整成绩单以及语言成绩是必要的申请材料，材料完整方可进入正式审核流程。

10. 申请材料对博士研究计划书有何要求？

答：建议您可通过邮件咨询导师，寻求学术指导。博士研究项目申请书模板可参考官网（[链接](#)）。

11. 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：全日制博士研究生可申请去英国利物浦大学进行短期的研究访问学习。

12. 我在读博期间有机会参加学术会议吗？

答：西交利物浦大学为每位在读的博士生提供总额不超过 16500 元的会议经费支持，可用于参加国内外学术会议，旨在提升学生的学术体验，鼓励学术传播以及提升大学在国内外的学术影响力。

13. 博士申请有截止日期吗？审核流程是怎样的？

答：博士申请全年开放。申请人可选择每年三月、六月、九月、十二月的 1 号入学。提交网上申请后，研究生院会初步审查你的申请材料，材料完整且符合最低录取要求的申请会被发往西浦各院系进行审核，院系审核通过后会申请进一步发往英国利物浦大学审核，符合要求的申请人会收到利物浦大学发放的录取通知书。

14: 博士毕业有什么要求？

答：学校对培养质量进行严格的过程管理。在读期间每位博士生均需参加年度评估与答辩，并由独立评审小组对其阶段性成果进行考核，考核通过者方能注册到下一学年，在通过最终博士论文答辩后方可毕业。