

PhD studentship (Full-time)

Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
School	School of Design
Supervisors	Principal supervisor: Associate Professor/Dr Jiawen Han (XJTLU) Co-supervisor: Associate Professor/Dr Xianwen Kuang(XJTLU) Co-supervisor: Reader/Dr Fei Chen (UoL)
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	The contemporary and cross-cultural interpretation of Jiangnan heritage: A case study of new architecture in Suzhou and Hangzhou
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Requirements:

The candidate should have a first class or upper second class honours degree, or a master's degree (or equivalent qualification), in architecture. 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 six months, if this is required by the project.

Project Description:

Suzhou and Hangzhou, as two representative cities and cultural centres of Jiangnan, are heritage cities with a rich inheritance of traditional architecture. Chinese architects, many of whom have studied abroad before, have been actively utilising heritage concepts in the new designs in both cities. Some foreign firms have also made efforts to interpret Jiangnan culture from various perspectives in the past two decades. The influence from the different academic origins and conceptions of heritage contributed to the architects' interpretation of Jiangnan culture and impacted their design strategies. This research project will explore the cross-cultural identity of new architecture in both cities and negotiated identity between different stakeholders in the actualisation process of these projects related to heritage. This study will also investigate whether these new designs have popularised or enriched the conception of Jiangnan heritage with a particular type of space and aesthetics. This project aims to illuminate the complexity of heritage-related practices that have become highly contested in Jiangnan region. The project will involve training the doctoral student not only as an academic to produce high-quality publications and teach relevant courses but also as a curator of the exhibition.

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How to Apply:

Interested applicants are advised to email.....@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 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)
- PDF copy of Master Degree dissertation (or an equivalent writing sample) and examiners reports available

Informal enquiries may be addressed to Associate Professor/Dr. Jiawen Han (Jiawen.han@xjtlu.edu.cn), whose personal profile is linked below,

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