

PhD studentship (Full-time)

Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
School	School of Design
Supervisors	<i>Please list all the names in the supervisory team. It should be consistent with the information on your approved PGRS proposal.</i> Principal supervisor: Dr Xuefeng Wang (XJTLU) Co-supervisor: Dr Yiwen Wang (XJTLU) Co-supervisor: Professor David Shaw (UoL)
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (worldwide students)
Project Title	A Study of Land Property Rights and Rural Revitalisation in China
Contact	Please email: Xuefeng.wang@xjtlu.edu.cn (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 planning, human geography, social geography, economic geography, development studies, real estate, and social policy. Evidence of good spoken and written English is essential. The candidate should have an IELTS score of 6.5 or above (no subsection scores lower than 6.0) or other acceptable English qualifications, 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:

This is a fully funded doctoral project that aims to explore the impact of imperfect land property rights (ILPR) on rural development. The role of secured land property rights (LPR) in economic development has been theorised and debated intensively. Questions of securing LPR for sustaining food production and rural development have gained increased political prominence corresponding to the United Nations' sustainable development goals. Conversely, academic discussion concerning imperfect land property rights (ILPR) on development is scarce, especially in rural areas in developing countries, where it is still unclear to what extent rural deprivation is linked to ILPR. Legally and institutionally ill-defined, ILPR has inevitably led to uncertainty and randomness in practice.

This project seeks to conceptualise the ILPR and how ILPR regimes affect rural development activities. The research will examine how actors and/or stakeholders (rural residents, local policymakers, and capital) manage their investment strategies and rural development activities corresponding to the ILPR regimes in the context of uneven spatial and temporal development conditions in rural China. [perhaps add a sentence on the methodology for empirical study here?] Research findings will advance our understanding and knowledge in this area and inform policymaking in China and beyond.

This project is sponsored by the Department of Urban Planning and Design, Design School of Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University based on the campus at Suzhou Industrial Park.

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

<https://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/admissions/global/entry-requirements/>

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How to Apply:

Interested applicants are advised to email Xuefeng.wang@xjtlu.edu.cn (XJTLU principal supervisor's email address) prior to application. 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 with a minimum of 6.0 in each subsection).
- 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 Dr. Xuefeng Wang (Xuefeng.wang@xjtlu.edu.cn), whose personal profile is linked below, <https://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/study/departments/design-school/urban-planning-and-design/department-staff/academic-staff/staff/xuefeng-wang>