

PhD studentship (Full-time)

Institution	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
School	Design School
Supervisors	Principal supervisor: Dr. Mengjie Huang (XJTLU) Co-supervisor: Dr. Rui Yang (XJTLU) Co-supervisor: Dr. Qing Liu (XJTLU) Co-supervisor: Dr. Floriana Grasso (UoL)
Application Deadline	Open until the position is filled
Funding Availability	Funded PhD project (world-wide students)
Project Title	Fostering Sustainable Healthcare: An Interactive Digital Twin for Human-AI Collaborative Rehabilitation
Contact	Please email mengjie.huang@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/MengjieHuang

Requirements:

A Master's degree with Merit and a Bachelor's degree with first-class or upper second-class honors are required for PhD admissions. Exceptional candidates holding only a Bachelor's degree may be considered on an individual basis in certain disciplines.

Evidence of good spoken and written English is essential. The candidate should have an IELTS (or equivalent) 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:

The rising global burden of rehabilitation demands innovative solutions that are not only effective but also inherently sustainable, paving the way for a new healthcare paradigm. This project addresses this challenge by proposing an Interactive Digital Twin, a closed-loop system that fuses multimodal physiological and behavioral data to drive personalized and adaptive virtual reality rehabilitation. We will develop a computational model to decode mind-body synergy, create a human-artificial intelligence collaborative agent for dynamic therapy adaptation, and evaluate the system's impact on functional capacity and engagement in real-world settings. By establishing this integrated approach, the research aims to validate a new paradigm of sustainable healthcare that optimizes rehabilitation experiences through responsive, data-driven personalization.

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/doctoral/entry-requirement-phd>

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How to Apply:

Interested applicants are advised to email mengjie.huang@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