

Xiamen University – University of Southampton

PhD Scholarship Scheme 2024

Guidance for applicants

About the University of Southampton

The University of Southampton is an international university with a global reputation for excellence in leading edge research and high quality teaching. A member of the influential Russell Group association of major UK research intensive universities, Southampton consistently ranks among the top 100 universities worldwide. Currently there are around 23,500 students, including more than 5,000 international students from around the world, and over 5,000 staff based across six campuses in Southampton, Winchester and Malaysia. Southampton is a maritime city on the south coast of England, just over an hour from London by train.

University of Southampton Doctoral College

Our Doctoral College provides a focal point for doctoral training and researcher development. We provide high-quality training and resources for postgraduate researchers from all disciplines and act as a hub for Southampton's vibrant and inspiring doctoral research community.

PhD study opportunities

Standard PhD programmes involve three years of full time independent research. Some academic areas offer 4 year integrated PhD programmes (iPhD) which may involve taught modules as well as independent research. We offer a wide range of courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including Engineering, Science, Health and Life Sciences, Law, Management, Medicine, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences.

2024 Scholarships – Terms and Conditions

Funding

Several scholarships will be available for 2024 entry. The scholarships cover full tuition fee costs for each year of the PhD programme for 3 or 4 years, depending on the length of the programme.

To be eligible for this scholarship, candidates must also successfully apply for a scholarship for living costs from the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC) or funding from another source (minimum value of USD 1,500 per month).

Eligible subject areas for 2024

Faculty of Social Sciences

Economic, Social & Political Sciences; Education; Business; Law; Mathematical Sciences

Faculty of Environmental and Life Sciences

Biological Sciences; Geography & Environmental Science; Health Sciences; Ocean and Earth Science; Psychology

Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences

Engineering (Acoustical, Aeronautical, Civil, Environmental, Maritime, Mechanical); Chemistry; Electronics and Computer Science; Physics & Astronomy; Optoelectronics

Faculty of Medicine

Cancer Sciences; Human Development & Health; Clinical & Experimental Science; Primary Care & Population Science; Medical Education

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Art and Design (Fine Art, Graphic Arts; Media; Fashion, Textiles; Art and Design Management); Law; Archaeology; English; Film Studies; History; Modern Languages; Music; Philosophy

Entry requirements

Each PhD programme has particular academic entry requirements and English language requirements.

- **Academic entry requirements**
Typical academic entry requirements are a Bachelor degree with a minimum final grade of 80%.
- **English language requirements**
These range from IELTS 6.0 to IELTS 7.0 overall, with particular grades required in each component. Applicants must have met the English language requirements when they apply for the scholarship.

The application process

Candidates need to:

- Identify a suitable PhD programme: www.southampton.ac.uk/courses/research-postgraduate.page
- Contact the Faculty PhD Admissions team to discuss a suitable project and/or potential supervisor for the research topic, and any deadline for applications.
- Make a PhD application to the University of Southampton using the online postgraduate application form, including appropriate documents and a research proposal if required.
 - The application form and guidance notes are available here: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research>
 - Allow sufficient time for the Admissions team to process the application and make a decision.
 - To be nominated, candidates must **either** have received an offer of a PhD place **or** have firm confirmation of support from a potential supervisor and made an application.
- Apply to the Talent Service Office at Xiamen University. Only applicants who are selected and nominated by the Talent Office will be eligible.

The University of Southampton will review all the nominations and will select final candidates. Xiamen University will nominate suitable candidates for CSC scholarships. Scholarships will be confirmed once successful candidates can demonstrate they have secured funding for their living costs from the CSC or other funding organisation.

Timescale

Candidates apply to the University of Southampton:

October - December 2023

Candidates apply to the Talent Office at Xiamen University

October - 27 November 2023

Xiamen University nominates candidates to the University of Southampton

January 2024

University of Southampton selects final candidates

February 2024

Candidates apply for CSC scholarship

Spring 2024

CSC scholarship results

May/June 2024

Confirmation of scholarships by the University of Southampton

June 2024

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Further information

University of Southampton

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Faculties and academic units

www.southampton.ac.uk/faculties/

Doctoral College

www.southampton.ac.uk/doctoral-college/index.page

PhD programmes

www.southampton.ac.uk/courses/research-postgraduate.page

How to apply

www.southampton.ac.uk/courses/how-to-apply.page

Information for international students

www.southampton.ac.uk/uni-life/international.page