



## Xiamen University – UCR PhD Fellowship Program

### **About the University of California, Riverside**

The graduate programs offered by the University of California, Riverside attract some of the great minds in the sciences and arts, incubating new ideas, contributing to the local quality of life and educating the future leaders of California and the world. UC Riverside is a place where bold ideas flourish, where people from different walks of life come together to pursue their interests and their dreams. The University offers its students and faculty the support, resources and inspiration to explore, discover and contribute new knowledge and the opportunity to go on to lead fulfilling, relevant careers and rewarding lives as citizens and leaders.

### **PhD study opportunities**

PhD programs are typically 5-6 years in length. A list of eligible graduate programs approved for this fellowship opportunity are listed below.

## **2018 Fellowships – Terms and Conditions**

### **Funding**

Up to 8 scholarships will be available for 2018 entry. The scholarships cover full tuition fee costs for each year of the PhD program for 4 years.

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 \$15,044 per calendar year).

### **Eligible PhD Graduate Programs**

#### Bourns College of Engineering

Computer Science; Electrical Engineering; Mechanical Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering.

#### College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

Anthropology; Comparative Literature; Critical Dance Studies; English; Ethnic Studies; History; Music; Philosophy; Political Science; Psychology, Sociology; Spanish.

#### College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Applied Statistics; Environmental Science; Environmental Toxicology; Geological Sciences; Physics.

### **Admission Requirements**

Each graduate program has specific academic entry requirements and all applicants must meet standard English Language Requirements.

### **Academic Entry Requirements**

- Proof of completion or upcoming completion (June/July 2018) of a four-year Bachelor's degree in an appropriate area of study from Xiamen University. Unofficial copies of transcripts and degree certificates (if already awarded) are required for review purposes. If admitted, official hard copies in Chinese in English will be required.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher (based on individual program requirements).
- A GRE General exam overall score of 300 or higher (based on individual program requirements). In addition, Physics requires the GRE Subject Exam in Physics for all applicants. As test scores are valid for a five-year period, scores older than January 2013 will not be accepted for Fall 2018 admission.
- Three letters of Recommendation from Major professors.
- A Statement of Purpose and Personal History Statement

### **English Language Requirements**

- TOEFL – A minimum overall score of 80 (iBT) or 550 (paper-based) is required for admission. As test scores are valid for a two-year period, scores older than August 2016 will not be accepted for Fall 2018 admission.
- IELTS – A minimum score of 7.0 overall score is required in addition to each individual score not being lower than 6.0. As test scores are valid for a two-year period, scores older than August 2016 will not be accepted for Fall 2018 admission.

### **Application Process**

- Identify a suitable and eligible PhD program.
- Contact the graduate program to discuss eligibility and fit based on research interests and identify a potential academic advisor (if required).
- Submit an [online application](#) for an approved PhD graduate program and submit all required supporting materials.
- Allow sufficient time for the graduate program to make a recommendation and forward to Graduate admissions for final approval.
- Apply to the Talent Service Office at Xiamen University. Only applicants who are selected and nominated by the Talent Office will be eligible for the Xiamen-UCR Scholarship.

- Apply for a CSC scholarship to cover living expenses.
- To be nominated for the Xiamen University-UCR Scholarship, candidates must **either** have received a provisional offer of admission into an approved PHD program and been awarded a CSC scholarship to cover living expenses.

The graduate programs will review all eligible applicants and make recommendations to the Graduate Division for final approval. Graduate Division will provide provisional admission to applicants. Xiamen University will nominate suitable candidates for CSC scholarships. Admission will be finalized once successful applicants can demonstrate they have secured funding for their living costs from the CSC or other funding organization.

### **Timescale**

Candidates apply to UCR: **October 2017 - January 2018**

Candidates apply to the Talent Office at Xiamen University **November - December 2017**

Xiamen University nominates candidates to the UCR **January/February 2018**

UCR selects final candidates **January/March 2018**

Candidates apply for CSC scholarship **April – May 2018**

CSC scholarship results **May 2018**

Confirmation of scholarships by UCR **June 2018**

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### **Further information**

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