

Universiteit Utrecht

Utrecht University offers Short Stay Fellowships for PhD Students from China and India in 2008

Friday 28 March 2008

Following the success of 2006 and 2007, Utrecht University (UU) offers this year another 14 short stay fellowships for Chinese PhD students. In addition to the fellowships for the best PhD students among the Chinese applicants, for the first time the university also offers 14 fellowships to PhD students from India. The purpose of this 3 month visit to Utrecht is to enhance knowledge and interest in the research that is being carried out in Utrecht and China and India. During their stay in Utrecht the PhD students will become familiar with the university and the wide range of research possibilities it offers to (foreign) PhD students. Students from China and India in all disciplines conducting research at Utrecht University Partners (UUP) are considered eligible candidates. Applications for PhD students who are not registered at one of the Utrecht University Partners are also welcome, but will not have a priority.

This programme is fully sponsored by Utrecht University. Selected candidates are offered an economy class return ticket to and from Amsterdam (up to a maximum of €1150), visa reimbursement, accommodation in Utrecht, a medical and third party liability insurance, and a monthly allowance. The UU faculty/research group will cover for the research infrastructure and supervision costs.

The application deadline is Monday 9 June 2008 *We advise you to start your application a.s.a.p.*

Based on the advice of the UU Region Committee Asia the selection of candidates will be made by the UU Executive Board in the week of 21 July 2008. If you are admitted to the programme you will be notified by email before **26 July 2008**.

Utrecht University Partners	
China	India
Beijing University	Jawaharlal Nehru University
Chinese University of Hong Kong	University of Hyderabad
Fudan University	Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
Hong Kong University of Science and	
Technology	
Nanjing University	
Tsinghua University	
University of Hong Kong	
Wuhan University	
Xiamen University	
Zhejiang University	

Procedure

The PhD student should identify and contact a suitable UU professor willing to act as supervisor during the Short Stay Fellowship. To do so see the website www.uu.nl/english, click Faculties and select the faculty of your studies. Then click 'research' and look for institutes or staff working in your field of expertise. For the faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences kindly contact Ms Antoinette Bolt-Huiszoon at a.bolt@uu.nl, for Medicine you can contact Mr. Willem Peeters mailto:w.m.peeters@umcutrecht.nl and for the faculty of Law, Economics and Governance you are requested to contact the department or institute secretariat via email or telephone as mentioned on their website.

Applicants have to be nominated by the supervisor at Utrecht University: not the PhD student but the UU supervisor will submit the complete application via email. The standard format letter of approval by the Utrecht University Faculty Dean must be included in the application and should be arranged by the supervisor. To apply for this programme the attached `UU 2008 Short Stay Fellowships for China and India application form' must be submitted by the UU supervisor.

Application

PhD student:

First of all the PhD student must identify a UU Professor willing to be supervisor during the fellowship. If the student finds such a supervisor the student should fill in the application form and send it to the supervisor for approval. If the supervisor approves of the application the PhD student must send the supervisor:

- A copy of his or her Master's degree.
- An electronic copy (scanned) of a signed letter of recommendation and approval of the suggested research in Utrecht by the students home university (in China or India) Faculty Dean, Head of Department, Research Institute Director, or supervisor.
- For Chinese applicants: Recent proof of required English skills (no more than two years old)*

* IELTS: 6.5 (average) with a minimum of 6.0 for the writing section. TOEFL: 237 for the computer test; or 580 for the written test; or 93 for the internet test.

<u>UU supervisor:</u>

When the applicant and UU supervisor agree on the application the UU supervisor should arrange:

- A nomination letter by the UU supervisor for the application which should describe the benefits of the fellowship for both the PhD student('s research group) and the UU research group.
- An electronic copy (scanned) of a signed standard format approval letter of the UU Faculty Dean. To obtain the format of this letter you can contact Mrs. Marnella van der Tol-Kuipers of the UU Academic Affairs secretariat at <u>m.vandertol@uu.nl</u>.
- The UU supervisor is required to send in the complete application.

Selected candidates are expected to start their fellowship in the second half of 2008.

Application and information

Complete applications can be sent to Mrs. Marnella van der Tol-Kuipers of the UU Academic Affairs secretariat at <u>m.vandertol@uu.nl</u>.

For questions and information regarding the programme you can contact: Utrecht University Region Committee Asia C/o Mr. Wouter Feldberg Utrecht University Corporate Offices, Academic Affairs Heidelberglaan 8, 3584 CS Utrecht The Netherlands Email: w.feldberg@uu.nl Website: www.uu.nl/english



2008 Application form Short Stay Fellowships for PhD Students from China and India

Please read the instructions before you fill out this form!

Basic information

1. Applicant

-Title(s), initial(s), first name, surname: -Male/female: -<u>Work</u> address:

-Telephone:

- -Mobile telephone:
- -Fax:
- -E-mail:
- -Website:

-<u>Private</u> address:

- -Telephone: -Mobile telephone:
- -Fax:
- -E-mail: -Website:

2. Details of UU supervisor (and mentor)

Note: A separate letter of nomination by the UU supervisor is required.

Supervisor:

-Title(s), initial(s), first name, surname: Prof. -Address for correspondence:

-Telephone: -Fax:

-E-mail:

Mentor:

-Title(s), initial(s), first name, surname: -Address for correspondence:

-Telephone: -Fax: -E-mail:

3. Details of home university

Note: A separate letter of recommendation by the supervisor or dean of the home university is required.

-Name of home university: -address:

-Telephone: -Mobile telephone: -Fax: -E-mail: -Website:

Home university supervisor:

-Title(s), initial(s), first name, surname: Pro--Address for correspondence:

Prof.

-Telephone: -Fax: -E-mail:

4. Research field

5. Title of research plan for Short Stay Fellowship

6. Short Summary of research plan (max 50 words!)

7. Motivation for UU Short Stay Fellowship application (max. 100 words!)

Describe your motivation for participation in this programme.

Curriculum Vitae

8. Personal details

<u>Applicant</u> -Title(s), initial(s), first name: -Surname: -Nationality: -Date of birth: -Country and place of birth:

9. Bachelor's degree

University/College of Higher Education: Faculty/discipline: City and country: Date: Grade average:

10. Master's degree

Note: Add a copy of your Master's degree to your application University: Faculty/discipline: City and country: Date: Grade average: Title Master's thesis (if applicable): Grade for thesis:

11. PhD

University: Faculty/discipline: Title of current PhD research at home University:

12. Previous/current relevant work experience (if applicable)

Give per appointment: function, period, fulltime or part time.

13. International activities (if applicable)

List activities such as study visits abroad, international cooperation, etc.

14. Other academic activities (if applicable)

Include, for example, membership of boards, posts on committees or involvement in (the organisation of) conferences.

15. Research scholarships and prizes (if applicable)

This is the place to list any scholarships or prizes you have won.

16. Gaps (if applicable)

If your CV contains large gaps (in time) that you would like to explain, please do so here. Any period of prolonged leave, for example in connection with pregnancy or parental responsibilities, can also be mentioned here.

Publications

17. List of publications (if applicable)

Please mention manuscripts which have been submitted or accepted for publication or which have already been published. Give the author(s), date, title of the publication, journal or series, volume, pages, and (if applicable) publisher and place.

Research

18. Brief description of research plan (max. 1000 words)

Max. 1000 words (excluding literature references), including introduction to your research, research question(s), method/approach and the relevance for science, technology or society

19. Time schedule

- specify the planning of your 3 month research at Utrecht University

Applications

20. Applications

- □ I have not applied for any other fellowship, grant or position in 2008
- I have applied for another fellowship, grant or position in 2008
 Add specifics of this application and mention whether this application may interfere with your UU 2008 Short Stay Fellowships for China and India application:

Statement

21. Statement

I hereby declare that the present form has been completed truthfully

Place:

Date:

Signature of applicant:

Checklist

The UU supervisor is should submit the complete application electronically by **Monday 9 June 2008 the latest** to the Utrecht University Executive Board, care of Mrs. M. van der Tol, Academic Affairs Office: <u>m.vandertol@uu.nl</u>.

Please check the list below before you submit your application:

- 1) UU 2008 Short Stay Fellowships for China and India application (this) form.
- 2) Electronic copy of signed nomination letter by Utrecht University supervisor.
- 3) Electronic copy of signed letter of recommendation and approval of the suggested research in Utrecht by the students home university (in China or India) Faculty Dean, Head of Department, Research Institute Director, or supervisor.
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