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Unlock your potential with a quality international education

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China is a unique, world-class, international institution that will inspire you to achieve your ambitions. Situated on China's prosperous east-coast, the university provides excellent teaching and research opportunities to prepare you for an exciting career in the global market place.



The University of Nottingham is ranked 7th in the UK for research power (REF).



Two professors from the University of Nottingham won the

Nobel Prize
in 2003

The University of Nottingham is ranked **97th** in the world in the QS World University Rankings 2026.



All students at the University of Nottingham UK, China or Malaysia will graduate with the same degree certificate.

For more information about our university, please visit: www.nottingham.edu.cn/en

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China was recognized as a **5 Stars** institution through

the QS Stars University Rating System. We are the only university in China mainland awarded 5 Stars across all 9 assessed categories.



The University of Nottingham Ningbo China is one of the first Sino-foreign cooperative universities to have a national postdoctoral research station.

Seven subjects were listed among the world's top academic subjects by Shanghai Ranking in 2024. Six subjects ranked within the **top 1%** of global rankings of Essential Science Indicators (ESI), and over 54 UNNC scholars were listed in "World's **Top 2%** Scientists" published by Stanford University and Elsevier.



All our degree programmes are taught in English

Partnerships with over

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world-renowned universities worldwide provide opportunities for overseas exchange during the course of study at no additional tuition cost.



Our city was ranked in

Forbes

list of the top cities for business in China

The number of enrolled students is nearly

10,000

and teachers and students come from more than

70

countries and regions.



Students have access to the University of Nottingham's online and teaching resources.



Approximately

91% of master's graduates were recruited by the world's top 500

companies or well-known Chinese and foreign companies, governments and public institutions.

All doctoral graduates have achieved high-quality employment, securing positions at renowned universities, research institutes, and leading companies both in China and abroad.

Faculty are appointed by the University of Nottingham, or globally recruited according to the same standards.

A wide variety of PhD scholarships



Why Ningbo?

Ningbo is located in Zhejiang province on the south shore of Hangzhou Bay, just under two hours away from Shanghai. It is recognised as one of the best cities for safety, affordability and job growth in China.



Easy gateway

The city's excellent transport links by bus, train and air means that Ningbo is easy to explore and an ideal base from which to visit China and the rest of Asia.



Ningbo is the birthplace of the Hemudu culture. The birthplace of the Hemudu culture

A famous international port city
The capital of Eastern civilisation



Facts

Nearly 7,000 years old, populated with over 7.6 million people and covering around 1,033sq km, Ningbo is a rapidly growing city. It was ranked in Forbes' list as one of the top cities for business in China and is a thriving blend of enterprise, culture, education, tradition and entertainment.



Such experiences, combined with a highly ranked UK degree, allow our students to obtain impressive and sought after CVs. Knowledge of China is increasingly desired by employers in today's globalised world. The University of Nottingham Ningbo China offers students the opportunity to gain this first-hand experience from a world-class British university.

Culture

Ningbo offers the opportunity to feel right at home among an array of international shopping outlets, restaurants, clubs and bars, while hosting international sports and music events. It also provides the chance to embrace culture and tradition—temples and intricate streets, house markets selling a variety of antiques, textiles and delicious Ningbo cuisine. National and local festivities show the delights of Chinese culture while a number of museums and exhibitions represent the city's historic past and innovative future.



Gain first-hand experience in China

Studying in China offers you the chance to embrace a new culture, study a new language and learn about a country which has one of the largest economies in the world.

Food

Ningbo is home to an international community, and is well stocked with restaurants from all corners of the globe. Indian, Italian, Lebanese, Turkish, Japanese, Korean, Thai and Mexican are just a few of the cuisines available in Ningbo.

There is also a wide variety of food and drink options available on campus. Ranging from Chinese staples and specialities to Subway, Starbucks, Japanese and Korean food, there is something to suit every taste and wallet.

China's extensive well developed online shopping allows easy access to imported goods and a taste of home.



To see more about Ningbo, visit

<https://www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/index.aspx>

Search:

YouTube Ningbo

Inspiring academics



Professor Yanjun Guan

Professor in Management
Nottingham University Business School China

Research Interests:

Career Management, Cross-cultural Management, Organisational Behaviour and Human Resource Management

Dr Stuart McDonald

Associate Professor in Economics
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Research Interests:

Microeconomic theory, industrial organization, public economics, environmental economics





Dr Matteo Salonia

Assistant Professor in European and International History, Deputy Head, School of International Studies Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Research Interests:

Medieval Christendom, Early Modern Europe, History of Christianity, Economic History, Intellectual History, Iberian History, Global and International History

Prof David Phang

Chair Professor of Behavioural Insights and Decision Sciences Department of Entrepreneurship, Marketing and Management Systems Nottingham University Business School China

Research Interests:

Mobile Commerce, Social Media, and Societal Impact of IT





Professor Giampaolo Buticchi

Dean of Faculty of Science and Engineering, Professor in Electrical Engineering (Power Electronics, Machines and Drives)
Faculty of Science and Engineering

Research Interests:

DC distribution systems and power electronics for the More Electric Aircraft, High performance electric drives

Professor Xiaoling Liu

Professor in Advanced Materials, FoSE PGR Director
Faculty of Science and Engineering

Research Interests:

Green&Sustainable Composites, Multifunctional Composites



What our students say

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Frankly speaking, as much excited about research, I embarked on this journey to pursue a with self-doubts and confusion; however, soon realised I was in good hands as I arrived at UNNC. The Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities offers me a close-knit research community where I have been constantly inspired by the knowledge-driven exchanges with world quality researchers as well as keen fellows in my PhD cohort. Particularly, I have been fully supported by my kind supervisors in both academic skills for my current research project and extra soft skills that prepare for my future career in academia. ”

Nguyen Ngoc Thao Le
PhD in History & Politics



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UNNC provides an incredible research environment for accepting rigorous academic training in completing a PhD. Joining one of the world-leading behavioural economics research groups and working with some of the preminent economists means that you are exposed to the most brilliant ideas and research methodologies all the time. This is exciting, and always motivates you to conduct the best and brightest research to uncover the rules of society, to deepen the understanding of human behaviour, and to impact the future of the world. It is hard to think of a better institution to achieve your academic goal as a junior researcher. ”

Dr. Ying Chen (Graduated in 2024)
Postdoctoral Researcher (Shuimu Tsinghua Scholar),
PBC School of Finance, Tsinghua University

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A doctoral program is a journey full of exploration but also of difficulties that one has to overcome. UNNC has been a wonderful place where I was given all the necessary resources to pursue my research at ease. Supervisors are always encouraging and supportive of their students, helping them also navigate different aspects of a PhD life. Graduate School provides us also with opportunities to hear from and meet renown scholars in our various field. Beyond the academic life, UNNC has also provided me the opportunity to attend languages classes free of charge and I was able to learn a new language. I am convinced that choosing UNNC was and will be a life defining moment in my life for the doors it has opened.”

Dr. Tanguy Tresor Sindihebura (Graduated in 2025)
PhD in Strategy



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The path to completing a PhD has always been said to be full of highs and lows. Very fortunately for me, I've got to experience highest of 'highs' and was able to overcome the lowest of 'lows thanks to a strong support system consisting of my supervisors, family and friends here in China. I have already and will continue to express my gratitude to my husband Dani, my family and circle of close friends for supporting me over the course of this journey. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank my supervisors. Professor David Phang, who is not only my academic mentor but my role model in life; as well as Professor Alain Chong, for seeing potential in me at a time when I believed I had none. Thank you both so much. I would also like to thank the unsung heroes at Graduate School, for working tirelessly to make our experience as PhD students a smooth and pleasant one. It is bittersweet to embark on a new chapter that is full of promises but also uncertainties - but if we've managed to power through to get our PhDs, I'm confident we can power through anything!”

Dr. Camen TEH (Graduated in 2023)
Assistant Professor in Marketing, NEOMA Business School



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I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity and scholarship offered by UNNC to explore cutting-edge technologies in the context of advanced electric propulsion for aircraft. Benefiting from the multidisciplinary research environment at UNNC, I have been able to fully devote myself to scientific research without much constraints and have been able to obtain remarkable academic achievements in just three years. Meanwhile, life here is vibrant and diverse, providing many options for complete relaxation following rigorous scientific research. Thanks to UNNC and welcome to join this innovative research community.”

Dr Han Zhao (Graduated in 2023)
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Yongjiang Laboratory

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I really enjoy my PhD journey at UNNC. Throughout my PhD research, I have received a great deal of support and assistance. I would like to express my utmost appreciation to my PhD supervisor, Professor Xiaogang Yang, for his expert guidance and enthusiastic encouragement. I also appreciate the unlimited support from my family and friends, especially during the difficult time when I have had to continue my research remotely since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pursuing a PhD has always been one of my life goals, and I am now happy to say that I am a PhD graduate. I hope you achieve all your life goals and make some beautiful memories along your life journeys.”

Dr. Chee Yap CHUNG (Graduated in 2023)
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Fudan University



The Graduate School

We welcome top quality PhD applications all year round. To ensure you will be able to register on your intended date, please submit your application at least 3 months in advance. For more information, please visit:

www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/graduateschool



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As the first Sino-Foreign University, located in the prosperous and culturally rich Zhejiang province, we offer abundant research possibilities in a vibrant business and technological hub.

Our diverse and lively research community includes faculty and students from over 70 countries, providing ample opportunities for networking, collaborative research, and forming global friendships.

Alongside our academic pursuits, we also prioritise creating a supportive and inclusive environment where every student can thrive. We encourage you to seize the unique opportunities at UNNC. Dedicate yourself to your studies while enjoying the journey. Our Graduate School is committed to supporting you through a fulfilling research experience.

I eagerly anticipate meeting you and look forward to witnessing you develop your innovative ideas and ground-breaking research. I wish you every success in your academic endeavours at UNNC!

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PhD scholarships

University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) offers a wide variety of scholarships to potential PhD students seeking to study at UNNC. In addition to faculty scholarships, we also offer strategic research and other scholarships.

For more information, please visit:

www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/graduateschool

Research training

Research training is an important element of the Postgraduate Research Programme at UNNC. Postgraduate research is a process of personal development involving more than your specific research topic. Students are expected to acquire skills and knowledge in areas wider than their research topics as well as generic research, presentation and IT skills to enhance their personal development. The University concentrates on providing the training to ensure that all PGR students develop as rounded researchers, with skills and experience beyond those integral to their individual research topic.



Nottingham University Business School China

Welcome to Nottingham University Business School China.

Uniqueness of our PhD degree programme:

- **Rigorous Research Training:** Our PhD programme combines taught modules with personal research supervised by at least two academic staff.
- **International Diversity:** Current PhD students come from 10 different countries/regions and research supervisors from more than 20 countries/regions.
- **Scholarships:** A growing number of full scholarships covering tuition, medical insurance, housing and living costs are available. Application is competitive.
- **Teaching Opportunities:** We offer teaching training and Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) opportunities to our students to help prepare for an academic career.

Research areas in PhD programmes:

Accounting

Environmental accounting and disclosure, Taxation, Audit and assurance, Financial reporting, Management accounting and decision making, Corporate governance, Corporate finance, Accounting and information system.

Economics

International economics, trade, and foreign direct investment, Environmental and energy economics, Banking and financial economics, Business cycle and macroeconomic forecasting, The Chinese economy, Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Spatial economics, Behavioral and experimental economics, Economics of digitalization.

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Governance in science, Technology and innovation, Start-ups, Family business, Entrepreneuria platforms and ecosystems, Economics of innovation, Digital entrepreneurship.

Finance

Corporate finance, Asset pricing, Capital markets, Fintech, International finance, Entrepreneurial finance, ESG Investing, Applied financial econometrics.

Organisational Behaviour and Human Resource Management

Career management, Human resource management, Labour relations, Leadership and team dynamics, People management in the digital era.

Information Systems

E-commerce, Mobile commerce, Digital platforms, Business analytics, Social media, E-health, Healthcare information systems, Fintech, Design science, Digital ventures, Artificial intelligence, Blockchain implementation, Augmented reality applications, Sustainable digital ecosystems.

International Business and Strategy

Foreign direct investments, Global strategy and organisation of MNEs, Innovation, International management, Management in emerging economies, Strategic management.

Operations and Supply Chain Management

Strategic sourcing, Sustainable supply chains, Supply chain innovation, Supply chain optimization, Social and environmental supply chain, Made-in-China 2025, The Belt and Road initiative, Supply chain finance, Green supply chain, Digital operation analytics.

Marketing

Services marketing, Consumer behaviour, Transformative potential of digital innovation, Retail management, Digital marketing, Customer experience management, Tourism and hospitality management, Service ecosystem, Sustainable marketing, Green marketing, AI use in marketing.



Supervisor list

Applicants can find the list of potential supervisors on the [faculty members'](#) page.

At Nottingham University Business School China, we are committed to training the next generation of business scholars. We offer PhD opportunities in many areas of business with supervisors available for a wide range of interests and with excellent facilities on campus.

For more information, please visit:
www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/business

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Welcome to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS).

Our commitment to developing and delivering innovative, theoretically informed, empirically grounded, and of ten interdisciplinary research means FHSS is an outstanding place to study the humanities and social sciences.

Our highly ranked Schools enjoy an international reputation for research excellence, with staff regularly invited to talk about their work at major conferences across the world. They are also sought by policy-making communities and they comment regularly in the international media.

Our staff and postgraduate students engage in research on some of the most urgent challenges facing society: from intercultural communication to applied linguistics; from China's place in the world to the relevance of 'soft power'; from the impact of the ancient Silk Roads to the formation of the Belt and Road Initiative; from models of International Higher Education to health economics; from how virtual reality is affecting our understanding of national heritage to issues of copyright in the digital age. The humanities and social sciences help us understand who we are, how we relate to our surroundings and each other, and how we can contribute to solving some of the world's most pressing problems.

Research areas in PhD programmes include:

Economics

Macroeconomics; Microeconomics; Econometrics; International trade; Foreign direct investment; Economics of regional integration; Tourism economics; Development economics; Economics of emerging economies (e.g., China & African countries); Mathematical economics; Game theory; Financial economics; Public economics; Health economics; Education economics; Environmental economics; Labour economics; Behavioural economics; Environmental, social, and governance.

Education and English

Applied linguistics; Corpus linguistics; Discourse analysis; Systemic functional linguistics; Language assessment; Literary studies; Gender and language; Psycholinguistics; Cognitive neuroscience of language; Translation and interpreting studies; Sociolinguistics, Intercultural communication; World Englishes; Second language acquisition; TESOL; Multilingualism; Multilingual policy and implementation; Language identity and ideology; Teacher training and development; (In)equity in language, race, and social class; Educational leadership and management; English for academic purposes; English for education; English for specific purposes e.g. Business English, Medical English etc; Online/Digital education; Pedagogy; Educational policy; Professional learning community; Teacher development; Educational leadership and (climate crisis; AI; international education; International Schools; comparative education); Sociologies of education; Research in higher education; Gender and education; Social justice and intercultural education; Rural education development in China; EdTech and inequality; Mental health in education

International Communications

Asian studies; Chinese studies; ICT for gender empowerment; AI for social good; Audience and fan studies; Celebrity studies; Jewishness and Israel; Media and conflict; Digital culture and heritage; Game studies; Journalism studies; Virtual and augmented reality; Social media and cyber behaviour; Southeast Asian studies; Creative industries; Film and television studies; Critical blockchain studies; Short form video studies; Ethnicity and media technology; Cultural studies and critical theory; Cultural studies and digital media; Media and migration; Media convergence; Queer studies; Political communication; Critical discourse studies; Political economy of communication and media; Screenwriting studies; Documentary studies; The metaverse and society; Virtual and augmented reality; Media discourse studies; Strategic communication; Technology and society.

International Studies

International Relations; IR theory; History; Comparative History and Politics; International Public Policy; International Security; Peace and Conflict Studies; Area Studies (East, South-East, and South Asia; Europe and Eurasia; Africa; Middle East; and the Americas); World, Transnational, and Global History; History of Empires and Colonialism; Social and Political History; Human and Political Geography; Cultural and Historical Heritage; Economic History; Intellectual History; History of Christianity; Refugee and Migration History; History of Childhood and Youth.

For more information, please visit:

www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/humanities-and-social-sciences

Professional Doctorate in Education (EdD)

This programme is an exciting opportunity for experienced professionals with interest in education to develop critical knowledge and skills necessary to undertake their own research and thereby to enhance their understanding of education so as to improve educational practices in specific contexts.

Programme structure

The Professional Doctorate in Education (EdD) recruits for a September start each year. Most students take about six years part-time to complete the degree although some may be able to finish it in a minimum of four years. The programme is divided into two parts. Progression to Part II is predicated upon successful completion of Part I. Candidates will be awarded the Professional Doctorate in Education (EdD) degree when they successfully complete Part II by submitting a thesis or portfolio of 50-60,000 words and pass a viva voce examination.

For more information, please scan the QR Code:



Faculty of Science and Engineering

Welcome to the Faculty of Science and Engineering (FoSE).

FoSE offers a variety postgraduate research programmes including Master of Research (MRes) and PhD programme. MRes degrees aim to impart advanced knowledge in the specialist areas of science and engineering as well as generic transferable skills in research methods and project management in order to allow candidates to engage in innovative research and development. Compared to MSc programmes, MRes emphasizes more on the research and targets the students wishing to progress to PhD degree programme to pursue an academic or industrial career. PhD programme offers flexible supervision between University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) and University of Nottingham, Uk. Students will be registered at UNNC, and graduates will be awarded a University of Nottingham, Uk degree which is also recognised by the Chinese Ministry of Education.

For more information, please visit:

www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/science-engineering

Master of Research

MRes (Master of Research)

in Sustainable Energy and Building Technologies

MRes (Master of Research)

in Chemical Engineering and Technology

MRes (Master of Research)

in Innovative Product Design and Manufacture

MRes (Master of Research)

in Smart Construction

MRes (Master of Research)

in Environmental Science and Engineering

MRes (Master of Research)

in Material Science and Engineering

MRes (Master of Research)

in Mechanical Engineering

MRes (Master of Research)

in Electrical Engineering

MRes (Master of Research)

in Electronic Engineering

MRes programmes enquiry:

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Architecture and Built Environment

- Low-Carbon, Smart Buildings & Urbanism: Designing energy-efficient, sustainable cities and buildings to reduce carbon footprints
- Digital Humanity and Heritage Preservation: Protecting cultural heritage while integrating AI technologies
- Urban Regeneration: Revitalizing underused urban spaces with sustainable redevelopment strategies.
- Indoor and outdoor thermal comfort: Investigating and optimizing thermal comfort in various indoor spaces; Addressing urban heat island effect and related challenges in cities through novel design approaches.

Chemical and Environmental Engineering

- Advanced Materials
- Biomass & Biochemical Engineering
- Catalytic Science & Technology
- Chemical Conversion (Thermochemical, Electrochemical & Photochemical)
- Energy Engineering
- Environmental Engineering & Geotechnology
- Process Intensification
- Renewable & Clean Energy
- Our work focuses on eight key domains:
- Air Quality and Pollution Control
- Aquatic Resource and Soil Management
- Carbon Neutral Practices & Technologies
- Green Construction Materials
- Natural Medicine Resources
- Solid Waste Recycling/Treatment/Management
- Urban Climate Change
- Water Quality and Wastewater Treatment

Civil Engineering

- Structural and Earthquake Engineering,
- Geotechnical and Pavement Engineering,
- Hydraulic and Ocean Engineering,
- Construction Engineering and Management,
- Transportation and Highway Engineering,
- Engineering Survey and Remote Sensing,
- Construction and Building Materials,
- Infrastructure Engineering.

Computer Science

- AI and computational intelligence (deep learning, reinforcement learning, multi-agent systems, optimization under uncertainty)
- Augmented/Virtual/Mixed Reality
- Big data, IoT, 5G/6G, and edge computing
- Computer vision and multi-sensor fusion
- Data Mining
- Digital twin and simulation for transportation, logistics, supply chain, and finance
- Education Technology
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Intelligent robotics and digital transformation strategies
- Natural Language Processing
- Optimisation
- Software Engineering
- Software Testing
- Theoretical Computing and Reasoning

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

1. Power Electronics, Energy Systems and Electrical Machines
 - Power electronic converters and integration
 - Electrical machines and high-performance design
 - Motor drive systems and advanced control strategies
 - Thermal management and condition monitoring
 - Transportation electrification

2. Wireless Communications and Networking
 - 5G/6G mobile and vehicular communications
 - Internet of Things (IoT), RF sensing and localisation
 - Channel modelling, modulation, coding, and MIMO systems
 - Beamforming, mmWave and terahertz communications
 - Reconfigurable intelligent surfaces (RIS)
 - Physical layer security, non-orthogonal multiple access (NOMA)
 - AI and machine learning for wireless systems
 - Blockchain, trust management, and secure C-V2X
 - Non-Terrestrial Network 5G/6G communication technologies
3. Biomedical Engineering and Medical Imaging
 - Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technologies
 - Hyperpolarized noble-gas MRI
 - Medical imaging and signal processing
 - Advanced diagnostic medical equipment
4. Electromagnetics and Microwave Engineering
 - Antennas and phased array systems
 - Microwave and high-frequency circuits
 - Radar and satellite communication systems
5. Sensors, Materials, and Emerging Electronics
 - Biosensors, plasmonic and optical sensors
 - Smart sensors and electronic materials science
 - Analogue and neuromorphic electronics
 - Flexible and wearable sensing technologies
 - Blood pressure and heartbeat detection algorithms
 - Real-time physiological monitoring systems

Geographical Sciences

- Climate change risk mitigation and adaptation
- Glaciation and geomorphology
- Paleo-climatic and historical environmental change
- Catchment hydrology, hydrological modelling and management
- Geo-spatial and Geo-statistical analyses
- Urban environmental and water management
- Sustainable water management and sponge city
- Nature-Based Solutions and Green Infrastructure Plastics pollution control, including microplastics

Mathematical Sciences

- Partial differential equations: a) Nonlinear analysis and calculus of variations; b) Free boundary problems; c) Global existence and blow-up phenomena.
- Mathematical modeling: a) Mathematical modeling in living systems; b) Computational clinical medicine; c) Stochastic population dynamics.
- Mathematical physics: a) Quantum field theory on curved spacetimes; b) Symmetry breaking in cosmology.
- Discrete mathematics: a) Topological combinatorics; b) Graph coloring.
- Probability and statistics: a) Stochastic orders; b) Risk measures and ruin theory.
- Computational mathematics: a) Machine learning in biological systems; b) Numerical methods

Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Engineering

Disciplinary research areas:

- Thermofluids: a) Heat transfer and exchange; b) Single-, multi-phase and reactive flows and propulsion.
- Human-product interaction: a) Sensing and HMI, b) User experience and user-centered design.
- Materials and structures: a) Lattice and morphing structures; b) Composite structures; c) Fused and additive structures.
- Dynamical systems and control: a) Mechanisms, actuators and drives; b) Vibration and sound; c) Vehicle systems.

Multidisciplinary application areas:

- Manufacturing and devices: a) Material removal; b) Additive manufacturing.
- Vehicles and powertrains: a) Hybrid powertrains; b) Low altitude UAVs

Research degree admissions requirements

To apply for a PhD programme, you will generally need to hold an honours degree at 2.1 and/or a masters at merit level or above in a relevant subject (or international equivalent).

For particular requirements regarding certain programmes, please refer to: www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/graduateschool



English entry requirement

Students whose first language is not English or their entry qualifications were not obtained from a country/region where English is the native language, are required to provide satisfactory evidence of their proficiency in English.

Qualification	English Studies, Education	Science and Engineering	Business, Humanities and Social Sciences
IELTS	7.0 (minimum 6.0 in all elements)	6.0 (minimum 5.5 in all elements)	6.5 (minimum 6.0 in all elements)
PTE academic	76 (minimum 65 in all elements)	65 (minimum 59 in all elements)	71 (minimum 65 in all elements)
TOEFL (IBT)	100 (minimum 19 in Writing and Listening, 20 in Reading and 22 in Speaking)	80 (minimum 17 in Writing and Listening, 18 in Reading, 20 in Speaking)	90 (minimum 19 in Writing and Listening, 20 in Reading and 22 in Speaking)
Cambridge Proficiency/ Advanced test (CAE)	190 with no element below 169	169 with no element below 162	184 with no element below 169

- Grades/scores are valid for a maximum period of two years prior to the date of registration.
- IELTS 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in all elements) or its equivalent is required for Faculty of Science and Engineering (FoSE) scholarship applicants.

How to apply for a research programme

This step-by-step guide takes you through the application process for our research programmes.

1

Investigate our postgraduate opportunities

Prior to applying, you should thoroughly research prospective programme and select one that best suits your research interests and career goal.

2

Identify a supervisor

Please consult the academic staff profiles listed on the relevant department or school's website and contact a potential supervisor whose research interest aligns with yours.

3

Check entry requirements

Entry requirements depend on the course and are detailed in our course.



4

Check key dates

Research programmes usually recruit postgraduate students at multiple points throughout the year. Please check the entry and closing dates for the programme you are applying for.



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Scholarship availability

Scholarships are detailed in our website www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/graduateschool

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Research proposal

Your application will usually include a research proposal explaining your research plans. This will help us to assess the quality of your application and, if you have not already done so, identify academics who could supervise your research. Find out more at www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/graduateschool



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Apply for funding

It's essential that you have made contact with a UNNC supervisor who has agreed to supervise your research project and support your application for a scholarship before submitting your application.



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Submit an application

All applicants for a postgraduate research programme must submit their applications and supporting documents on Application HUB (<https://oaas.nottingham.edu.cn/recruit/login>)

2026-27 Academic year (for self-funded applicants)

Entries	Application Deadlines	Registration Dates
Feb 2026 (MRes and PhD)	31 Oct 2025	24 Feb 2026
Sept 2026 (MRes and PhD)	10 Jun 2026	19 Sept 2026
Sept 2026 (EdD)	10 May 2026	19 Sept 2026

If you are applying for a PhD scholarship, please refer to each scholarship's deadline.

Contact us

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Tuition fees and scholarships

Tuition fees

Full-time PhD programmes	130,000RMB per year
Part-time PhD/EdD programmes	65,000RMB per year
Full-time MRes programmes	Mainland Chinese students 120,000 RMB per year Hong Kong, Macau & Taiwan students 120,000 RMB per year International students 130,000 RMB per year

PhD scholarships

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www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/graduateschool

How to apply the scholarships?

No separate application is required for applying for a scholarship but please make sure you select the scholarship reference number in your PhD application form. It normally takes 8-10 weeks for a final decision to be made after the closing date.

1. Alumni and Family Scholarship
2. Faculty Scholarships
3. Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP) Scholarships
4. Key Discipline Scholarship
5. Yang Fujia Research Talent Development Scholarship

Other costs

Living & on-campus accommodation costs: 20,000 RMB per year for International Residence Building 11 (updated: September, 2025).

Commercial insurance fee for all registered students shall be covered by the University.

Please note that other costs will be subject to change and for updated information visit: www.nottingham.edu.cn/en



Doctoral training partnership

In order to cultivate world-class PhD talents with an international perspective and skill-set, and to further enhance the research impact of UNNC, Graduate School initiated the establishment of Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs) with institutions that have a reputation for excellent research since September 2017.

The uniqueness of the DTP programmes is that they capitalise on the academic strengths, available resources and facilities of both UNNC and the partner institutions. Therefore, DTP students will receive supervision and guidance from the academic and professional staff from both parties and enjoy the dual resources and facilities. Furthermore, the DTP programmes are great initiatives to expand collaboration into other areas with the existing partners as well as attract new partnerships in the future.



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Natural Resources Research, CAS



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Institute of Urban Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences



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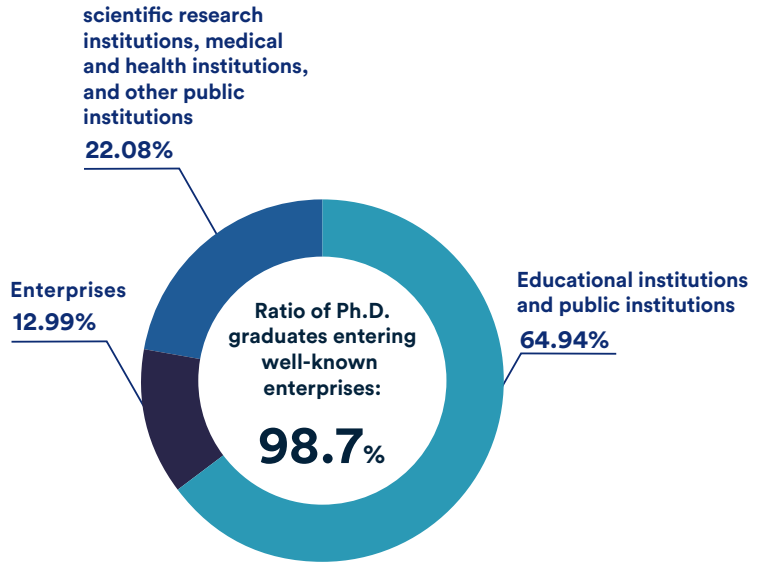
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Careers and employability

- **Employment rate:** 100.00%*, 98.70% of graduates secured positions at renowned enterprises and institutions. Specifically, 64.94% joined higher educational institutions, 22.08% entered scientific research institutions, medical and health institutions, and other public institutions, and 12.99% were employed by enterprises.
- **Geographical distribution:** 67.53% opted to work in the Yangtze River economic belt, 3.90% in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei metropolitan region, and 14.29% in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao greater bay area, while an additional 6.49% pursued teaching or research positions at overseas universities.
- **Retention in Ningbo and Zhejiang:** Ningbo remains the top employment city for PhD graduates from our university, with 31.17% of those choosing to work in Ningbo and 42.86% in Zhejiang province.



Company Type	Examples of employment
Higher educational institution 64.94%	University of Nottingham Ningbo China, University of Nottingham, University of Manchester, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Enterprises, 12.99%	BASF Advanced CHEMICALS Co., Ltd, Shenzhen Special Zone Construction Group Co., Ltd
scientific research institutions, medical and health institutions, and other public institutions 22.08%	Ningbo Institute of Materials Engineering and Technology, Party School of the Communist Party of China, Xuancheng City Committee, Yangtze River Delta Carbon Fiber & Composites Innovation Center & Shanghai Mental Health Center

Table 4.1 Examples of employment companies for the 2023 Ph.D. graduates

Experience it in a world beyond ordinary

A vibrant UK-style high street is a popular gathering point on campus.

cleaner, supermarket, grocery store selling imported goods, hair salon and several restaurants, including one selling Halal and Arabic options. Shopping centres, entertainment facilities and other amenities are all within walking distance or a short bus or taxi ride from the campus.

Your opportunity to study abroad

We have established close partnerships with more than 160 top universities across over 40 countries and regions worldwide, forming a high-quality international exchange network. We are committed to providing our students with diverse and enriching learning opportunities both domestically and internationally. Studying or working abroad is a fantastic opportunity to broaden your horizons, experience different cultures, and develop the key skills that employers are looking for. Find out more:

<https://www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/global/exchange-and-study-abroad/home.aspx>

Food and drink

You can choose from a range of canteens on campus, including one that specialises in halal cuisine and several that offer a wide array of Chinese staples and specialties. Some students opt to cater for themselves and make use of the supermarkets in Ningbo, many of which offer products for tastes of different countries.

Sport

At the University of Nottingham Ningbo China, every student can find a sport that suits them to participate in. Through close collaboration with the University of Nottingham (winner of The Times University of the Year for Sport 2021), we offer a diverse range of sports programmes.

Apart from sports such as basketball, football, badminton and tennis, we also offer emerging activities such as rock climbing, virtual cycling and rowing, fencing, and rugby. In addition, the university provides students with various sports-related development opportunities and collaborative projects to broaden their horizons and enhance their skills.

We also host a unique "Tri-Campus Sports Games", bringing together friendship through sports and leveraging the distinctive resources of the wider University of Nottingham global family, allowing students to jointly experience the unique benefits of international education.



Student clubs and societies

There are dozens of clubs and societies to join, with events year-round for the serious-minded and fun-loving alike. You can choose to get involved in a range of activities, from taking part in martial arts to joining the student television channel's production team. Drama, dance and musical talents are also catered with student festivals and talent shows providing additional entertainment on campus.



Your support network

Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support and advise you, including tutors and dedicated staff. We have The Hub, Department of Campus Life and Student Engagement Office which provide a range of support, information and specialist services.



Health and wellbeing

We have a range of services to support your health and wellbeing throughout your studies. We are here to help you maintain a balanced and healthy life style during your life at the university.



Be part of a globally connected university

The University of Nottingham has a long history of more than 140 years. It is one of the most beautiful campuses in the UK and winner of 14 Green Flag Awards.

The University of Nottingham Ningbo China originated from the University of Nottingham in the UK.

It is a key member of the University of Nottingham global educational system.



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China 2004



Malaysia 2000



UK Campus



University of Nottingham Ningbo China



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