VISITING RESEARCHER PROGRAMME

UK JIANGSU 20+20 WORLDCLASS UNIVERSITIES NETWORK
WHAT IS THE UK-JIANGSU 20+20 WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITIES CONSORTIUM (UKJS 20+20)?

Jiangsu Province is located on the east coast of China, just north of Shanghai. It is one of the most populous and prosperous provinces in China.

Jointly spearheaded by the British Council, Universities UK, and the Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education, UKJS 20+20 is a consortium of 23 universities from Jiangsu Province and 14 universities from the UK (see membership list on page 4). York is a founder member. The Consortium draws its impetus from the Chinese government’s ‘World-Class Universities’ and ‘First-Class Disciplines’ initiative, which seeks to develop several of its institutions into world-class universities by 2020.

Considered as a blueprint for UK-China university cooperation, the Consortium hopes to encourage many-to-many links between UK and Jiangsu members in the research areas of advanced manufacturing, environmental engineering, and health.

Objectives:

- To build a platform that will deepen and broaden the level of strategic engagement and collaboration between universities in the UK and Jiangsu
- To raise the profile of the Jiangsu higher education sector in the UK and of the UK higher education sector in Jiangsu
- To harness multilateral cooperation as a mechanism to raise the quality and competitiveness of the participating institutions; sharing opportunities and addressing shared challenges together

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Host a visiting Post Graduate Researcher (PGR) or Early Career Researcher (ECR) from the Province (more information below)
- Apply for seed funding, which is available on a rolling basis for research projects and academic workshops that involve at least two-UK and two-Jiangsu partners
- To be notified when opportunities arise to get involved in larger research projects, involving many-to-many UK and Jiangsu partners, please contact Elisha Witcomb, Global Partnerships Officer (Elisha.Witcomb@york.ac.uk)
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As part of the Consortium, the Jiangsu Province Department of Education (JPDE) will fund between 95-130 PGRs and ECRs to visit UK-Member Universities each year, for the next five years. It is hoped that this will encourage the building of research links in the Consortium.

FUNDING

Funding will be £8,000 for a 6-month PhD placement, and £16,000 for a one-year ECR placement. This funding includes a £1,600 / £3,200 bench fee (non-negotiable). The remainder of the funding is for the visitor’s accommodation and living costs. Funding for reasonable expense costs such as materials and equipment will be considered on a case by case basis.

TIMELINE

January
Register your interest as soon as possible to host a visiting researcher in the Academic Year 20-21

February
An anonymized list of potential UK hosts to be shared with partner universities in Jiangsu Province

March
ECRs and PGRs apply to preferred hosts, based on compatibility of research interests

April
Global Partnerships Officer to notify potential York hosts who receive applications. Potential York host to consider applications and interview candidates

April Onwards
Normal departmental policies and procedures for accepting visiting researchers to be followed

Sept Onwards
Visitors arrive

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- Remaining funding for accommodation and living costs
- Consideration of reasonable expense costs on a case by case basis

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO HOST

Please register your interest to host NOW by completing this online form:
https://forms.gle/rBpAuWhguw5XdnSk8

Registering your interest is not a commitment to host a researcher. You are still at liberty to consider a potential visiting researcher’s experience and availability before you accept them.

HOST A TALENTED RESEARCHER - FINANCED COMPLETELY BY JPDE

BUILD STRONG RESEARCH LINKS IN JIANGSU PROVINCE

APPLY FOR SEED FUNDING

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Jiangsu Province - 23 Partners

Changzhou University
China Pharmaceutical University
China University of Mining & Technology
Hohai University
Jiangnan University
Jiangsu University (China Secretariat)
Jiangsu Normal University
Jiangsu University of Science & Technology
Nanjing Agricultural University
Nanjing Forestry University
Nanjing Normal University
Nanjing Medical University
Nanjing Technology University
Nanjing University
Nanjing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics
Nanjing University of the Arts
Nanjing University of Information Science & Technology
Nanjing University of Science & Technology,
Nanjing University of Posts & Telecommunications
Nantong University
Soochow University
Southeast University
Yangzhou University

UK - 14 Partners

Cranfield University
Coventry University
Lancaster University
Queen’s University Belfast
Swansea University
University of Derby
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Liverpool (UK Secretariat)
University of Oxford
University of Cambridge
University of Plymouth
University of Reading
University of York

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