

Southwest Forestry University seeks UK partners for collaborations

Southwest Forestry University (SWFU, 西南林业大学) is looking for UK partners to develop partnership programmes at Bachelor level in disciplines of Computer Science and Technology, Geography, Economics, Plant Protection, and Master levels in disciplines of Forestry, Ecology, Landscape Architecture, with aim of recruiting 100 students per year and starting from September 2024.

Form of cooperation

In terms of cooperation form, Southwest Forestry University is open for discussion with UK partners interested, and happy to take partners' suggestion, based on mutual respect and agreement. Below are possible forms to consider at initial stage:

- Bachelor's articulation programme
- Bachelor's joint programme in the form of 4+0, 3+1
- Master's articulation programme
- Master's joint programme in the form of 3+0, 2+1
- Joint-institute school without independent legal entity

Benefits for the UK partners

This provides an opportunity for the UK universities to:

- establish long-term partnership with Southwest Forestry University, with potential for expansion into other fields such as research, student exchange, faculty exchange, teacher training, etc.
- attract more domestic and international students
- enhance recognition and reputation in China
- establish alumni association and social network in China

Areas of responsibility for the two collaborating parties

The UK partner university will be expected to work with Southwest Forestry University to:

- develop the curricula for the joint programmes together with Southwest Forestry University
- provide qualified teaching staff for the joint programmes
- award bachelor/master's degree to students

Southwest Forestry University will be responsible for:

- promoting and recruiting students for the programmes
- providing qualified teaching staff as well as the required teaching premises and facilities for the joint programmes
- award bachelor/master's degree to students

About Chinese University

Southwest Forestry University (SWFU), located in 'Spring City' of Kunming, Yunnan province, is the only independent forestry university in southwest part of China. The

university, covering an area of 180.2 hectares, has 1, 268 staff members that include 480 of whom has a senior professional post. SWFU has 22 colleges which have enrolled approximately 30,000 full time students. The university hosts 3 post-doctor's research station of Forestry, forestry engineering, landscape architecture, 4 doctoral programs in first-level disciplines, 15 master programs in first-level disciplines, 65 master programs in two disciplines, 15 professional master programs and 83 undergraduate programs. The university has kept to be highly ranked among equivalent universities in biodiversity, nature reserve conservation, silviculture, forest protection, researches on rattan and bamboo, wood science and technology, forest management, and plateau wetland research and conservation in China. SWFU has also strived to possess regional features in the fields of landscape architecture, environmental design, and ecotourism, and has been outstanding in the studies on ants, birds and fish.

More information about Southwest Forestry University can be found at <http://www.swfu.edu.cn/>.