

Southwest Petroleum University China seeks UK partners to develop HE partnership programmes

Southwest Petroleum University (SWPU) is looking for UK partners to develop partnership programmes at Bachelor and/or Master levels in discipline of Oil and Gas Engineering, Geoscience and Technology, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Chemistry and/or Computer Science Technology.

Form of cooperation

In terms of cooperation form, SWPU 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 2.5+0, 1.5+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 SWPU, 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
- benefit from local industrial and economic outcomes with locally based companies in petrochemical industry such as CNPC, SinoPec etc.

Areas of responsibility for the two collaborating parties

The UK partner university will be expected to work with SWPU to:

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

SWPU 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

Initial stages for partnership negotiation

No.	Activity	Suggested Timeline
1	Submission of expression of interest	By 30 Nov 2022
2	1-on-1 meetings with SWPU (tbc)	Nov 2022 – Mar 2023
3	SWPU signs MoU with selected UK HEI(s) for further & final negotiation on cooperation	By Mar 2023
4	More in-depth discussion and negotiation on cooperation details	2023

About Chinese University

SWPU is one of the most prestigious academic institutions of petroleum technology in China. It is located in the city of Chengdu. According to the 2022 Times Higher Education World University Rankings, SWPU ranks 1201+ in world universities. The degree programmes offered at SWPU cover various disciplines in oil and gas engineering, geoscience and technology, mechanical and electrical engineering, chemistry, computer science technology, economics. The disciplines of engineering, chemistry, materials science, geoscience rank among the top 1% globally according to the 2022 ESI subject area ranking. SWPU has established partnerships with more than 90 universities and institutions from different countries and regions regarding faculty and student exchange, academic and scientific research, etc.

More information about SWPU can be accessed at <https://www.swpu.edu.cn>.

Action Required

UK partners interested in this opportunity, please register your initial interest and question through the online survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/yR9BM9dfrQ> by **30 November 2022**.

After your survey response is received, we will be in touch with you and put you in contact with relevant Chinese partner(s) as early as we can. You can also send any of your enquiry to us at ies.china@britishcouncil.org.cn.