

Sichuan Fine Arts Institute (SCFAI) seeks UK partners to develop HE partnership programmes

Sichuan Fine Arts Institute (SCFAI) is looking for UK partners to develop partnership programmes (Bachelor courses) in Digital Media, Product Design, Sculpture and Landscape Design, etc., with the goal of recruiting up to 80 students per year.

Form of cooperation

- Articulation programme
- Bachelor's programme in the form of 4+0, 3+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 SCFAI, 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 digital economy.

Areas of responsibility for the two collaborating parties

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

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

SCFAI 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's degree to students

About Chinese Institute

Sichuan Fine Arts Institute (SCFAI) has enjoyed a rich history spanning 80 years. Located in Chongqing, a municipality under the direct administration of the central government, SCFAI is the only art academy

that offers higher education in the southwestern region and is authorized to confer bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. It also serves as one of China's eight major art academies.

SCFAI in its early days enrolled four-year undergraduate students. In 1981, however, it was transformed to become one of the first national higher education institutes to confer both master's and bachelor's degrees. By 2006, the school was given authorization to confer master's degrees for the first-level discipline of art. In 2011, the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council amended its discipline catalogues for conferring academic degrees and talent training. It was at this point that art became independent from literature and stood as its own formal discipline. It was elevated to the discipline of art, as opposed to the "first-level discipline" of art. That same year, the school was granted four authorized first-level disciplines for its master's degree program, namely Art Theory (1301), Drama and Film and Television (1303), Fine Arts (1304) and Design (1305). SCFAI achieved an A- in Fine Arts and B+ in Design for the fourth round of China's national discipline evaluation held in 2017. In 2020, SCFAI received approval for doctoral conferment in the majors of fine arts and design.

Huxi Campus of SCFAI is located in Chongqing's University Town, which can be found in the city's western region. University Town houses a senior talent training centre, a scientific research and innovation centre, and an exchange centre for international science and technology education. In recent years, the number of undergraduate applicants has exceeded 100,000. SCFAI's graduate courses have attracted more than 3,000 applicants. At present, the university has 628 full-time teachers and a student body of 7,550 full-time undergraduates, master's students, and international students.

More information about SCFAI can be accessed at www.scfai.edu.cn/english.

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.