

Information to Chinese SDC PhD-students

The following information may answer some of the questions you as a Chinese PhD student will have in connection with your SDC PhD project. Please read this information sheet carefully; it outlines how to plan and execute your PhD project – all in accordance with The SDC Partnership Agreement.

SDC Partnership Agreement

The SDC Partnership Agreement frames the PhD collaboration within SDC. It outlines some general conditions regarding you as a Chinese PhD student. The most important are:

- Each PhD student must have a Chinese main supervisor and a co-supervisor from a Danish university appointed
- The PhD student shall during the PhD programme:
 - Complete PhD courses
 - Participate in active research environments
 - Carry out independent research work under supervision
 - Gain experience in teaching or other form of knowledge dissemination related to the student's PhD project
 - Complete a PhD thesis on the basis of the PhD project
- The PhD-student has to spend a minimum of six months in Denmark

Co-supervisor from a Danish university

All Chinese PhD students will need active involvement from a co-supervisor from a Danish university. It is important that the co-supervisor is in place prior to the commencement of the PhD project. Without a Danish co-supervisor appointed you cannot be affiliated with a Danish university hence you will not be able to pursue a double degree.

Double degree

SDC PhD students may be awarded a double degree in accordance with national rules and procedures of the relevant partner organization. The Danish universities requires that an individual double degree agreement is signed between UCAS and the Danish partner university. The double degree agreement will outline the Danish conditions for a PhD programme to ensure the entire PhD programme is comparable to a Danish PhD programme which is required if a Danish degree shall be awarded cf. the Danish PhD order. It means that a filled out form is not sufficient. The requirements set forth by the Danish university needs to be met as well. The double degree agreement must be signed prior to your stay at the Danish university and must outline the activities you need to participate in during your stay in Denmark.

PhD content and planning

Your SDC PhD project must include certain elements. This is especially important in the context of a double degree. It is important that you plan your PhD project in close contact

with both supervisors in order to meet the requirements from both the Chinese and the Danish side. There are also requirements that are advantageous to meet during your stay in Denmark e.g. the course "*Responsible conduct in research*" – a course all PhD students affiliated with a Danish Graduate School have to attend. Therefore, it is most likely a requirement that will be included in your PhD.

SDC PhD project approval form

In order for the Danish SDC-Office to refer you to the relevant Danish university you must fill out the *SDC PhD project approval form* as soon as possible and send it to the email address stated in the form. Please note that University of Copenhagen requires a double degree agreement to be signed within 6 month after commencement of the PhD project. If this time limit is exceeded you will not be able to sign a Danish PhD double degree agreement with a Graduate School at University of Copenhagen.

Partially completed forms (including a lack of a Danish co-supervisor) are considered void.