WESTLAKE UNIVERSITY

Information for Prospective Doctoral Students

A New Type of Research University in China.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In my 2021 New Year's address, I spoke of embracing uncertainty with the faith that improved understanding lies ahead. 2022 was yet another year of upheaval and instability — the unnerving combination of a lingering pandemic compounded by economic strife, geopolitical conflicts and climate crises put the world to the test and have people wondering what certainties remain. For me, the answer is clear – our continued successes, fueled by the agility and resilience shown this past year by the Westlake community.

At Westlake University, once again we came together to not merely persevere through this long ordeal, but also sustain and refine our purpose and vision. We forged ahead to create breakthroughs that will change the world, and we rose to new pinnacles of excellence across every facet of our mission. As we look back on 2022, I am grateful for what we have accomplished and how much we have grown and innovated in the face of challenges.

The confluence of crises that defined the past 12 months once again reaffirmed the importance of cross-border dialogue and international collaboration. In an increasingly polarized world, generously listening to others and generating innovative ideas are central to solving the looming global challenges. In 2022, despite the disruptions caused by the ongoing pandemic, Westlake University fortified its commitment to fostering a free flow of dialogue across borders and sectors. The 2022 Westlake Forum on Higher Education gathered representatives from 23 world-renowned universities to discuss the role of universities in training future leaders and promoting inter-university cooperation. In the past months, we also co-hosted the 13th Biennial Meeting of the Chinese Biological Investigators Society, organized a series of lectures, forums and symposia, and participated in a TEDxYouth event – all part of our efforts to enhance communication and cooperation.

2022 was a year of milestones for the Westlake community. Our campus of the future at Yungu finally opened its doors. We started a new chapter of our journey with dual-campus operations and witnessed a cultural feast of concerts, ballet performances and other entertainment for our close-knit community.

The arrival of the inaugural undergraduate class marked a historic moment for our community. Sixty talented undergraduate freshmen have enriched our campus with the exuberant energy of curious young minds. Their presence, along with the sixth cohort of 352 new doctoral students, has heralded a new phase of our development — cultivating young scientific leaders to build a better tomorrow for China, the world, and all of humanity.

In 2022, we expanded our team of exceptional talent who will boldly steer Westlake's research and scholarship into the future. Twenty-six leading scientists – including chair professors Ren Sun, Ting Zhu, Qiufu Ma and William Shieh – joined our faculty, which now boasts a total of 211 doctoral supervisors, and breathed new vitality into our interdisciplinary community.

Westlake scientists continued to chart new territory in their fearless pursuit of knowledge. The many significant scientific discoveries over the past 12 months include a study revealing how intracellular bacteria play a key role in breast cancer metastasis by promoting cell survival during tumor progression. The findings lay the groundwork for future advances in breast cancer treatments and oncology care. Other major breakthroughs involve the development and clinical trials of a promising anti-COVID oral drug, and the invention of a new high-sensitivity DNA imaging technology.

Our researchers believe that the greatest value of their work lies not only in the scientific novelty but also in the benefit to our shared global community. This same spirit, to achieve for the common good of humanity, shines in the hearts of Westlake faculty, staff and students, who find myriad ways to make a difference on campus and beyond.

I have often noted that the framework of our university begins and ends with the people of Westlake and centers itself in our shared global community. Amid the ongoing pandemic, the challenges set before us have been great, but the indomitable resolve and resilience of our community have been even greater. As we bid farewell to 2022 and look, with hope, toward 2023, I am grateful for what we have accomplished, with confidence that it bodes well for the coming year.

Wishing you a very happy and healthy holiday season, and looking forward to all we will accomplish together in the new year.

Yigong Shi
President, Westlake University

INTRODUCING WESTLAKE UNIVERSITY

Established in 2018, Westlake University is a new type of research university. We enjoy strong philanthropic and public support and are a reformer in our higher education system. Founded by prominent scientists and scholars, **Westlake University is building a truly international, world-leading, research-focused university.**

Westlake University offers undergraduate and doctoral degree programs, taught by an **exceptional faculty engaged in innovative research** at our three schools: Life Sciences, Science, and Engineering.

Westlake University is a bridge, a bridge between East and West, between the present and the future, between China and the world. This idea encapsulates our values and goals and is literally incorporated into the physical design of our campuses, including our brand-new, beautiful, and modern $2 billion Yungu Campus with state-of-the-art facilities for education and research.

Westlake University strives to **educate future scientific and industry leaders, to serve the global community, and to promote developments for the common good of all humanity.**

WHY CHOOSE US FOR YOUR DOCTORAL DEGREE

Be Mentored By World-class Faculty
At Westlake University, you will learn from and be mentored by our world-class faculty. Over 95% of our professors hail from top-notch universities including MIT, Caltech, UC Berkeley, and Stanford. In addition, all our senior leadership have studied and/or held positions at distinguished institutions such as Princeton, Harvard, Yale, UPenn, UIUC, and KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden). You will work and collaborate with these brilliant scientists and engineers changing our world. You will also be surrounded by enthusiastic fellow Ph.D. students who seek challenges in academics, personal growth, and cultural adventures. At Westlake, you will make lifelong friends and connect with future leaders.

Conduct Research in Cutting-edge Facilities
Starting on day one you will be conducting cutting-edge research that pushes the frontiers of science and technology. In each Westlake University Ph.D. program our Ph.D. students are required to be Research Assistants starting in the first semester until graduation. This hands-on, immersive style of research experience will make you one of the most qualified and knowledgeable scientists in your field. Westlake University hosts seven Zhejiang Provincial Key Laboratories, 11 Research Institutions, and over 150 individual research laboratories, and is expected to have over 200 total laboratories by 2026. These ample research facilities give our Ph.D. students the resources they need to succeed in their academic and professional endeavors.

Join the Most Interdiscplinary Science University In China
At Westlake University we are erasing the boundaries between science, engineering, and technology. Our campus, research facilities, and curriculum were developed to bring great minds from different disciplines together to solve the most pressing scientific, medical, and engineering problems of our times. At the heart of campus is the Academic Ring, a picturesque circular corridor that interconnects classrooms, laboratories, and facilities of the School of Life Science, School of Science, and School of Engineering. The Academic Ring has been specifically designed to facilitate interdisciplinary exchange and the sharing of new ideas of people from different schools and academic research areas.

In addition, our four Ph.D. programs, which offer a combined 20 different research fields, all require students to take courses outside of their field to gain comparative and cross-disciplinary understanding of contemporary research methods.

International Experience
In addition to gaining international experience by studying at one of China's premier research universities, all Ph.D. students at Westlake are highly encouraged to explore international experiences outside of China. Westlake offers international travel grants for attending or presenting at international research conferences. There are also scholarships available for Ph.D. students to conduct semester, or year-long, research projects at one of our partner universities in North America, Asia, Europe, or Australia.

Experiential Education Combined with Generous Funding Opportunities

GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Westlake University is committed to reducing financial barriers for our Ph.D. students so they can focus on their academic and research goals. We provide financial support for our doctoral students to cover their tuition and basic living costs.

Westlake University Fellowship & Scholarships
All admitted international Ph.D. students are eligible for the prestigious Westlake University Fellowship. This fellowship is funded directly from Westlake University and provides a monthly stipend. International Ph.D. students in our programs also receive Westlake University scholarships. These scholarships provide full tuition waivers.

Government Scholarships
International Ph.D. students are eligible for scholarships from the Hangzhou municipal government.

INVALUABLE RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Westlake University provides invaluable research and teaching experience to every Ph.D. student in our programs. Ph.D. students are required to be Research Assistants starting in the first semester until graduation. In addition, you will gain teaching experience in our Teaching Assistant Program for one or more semesters, giving you the confidence and experience you need to take on faculty teaching positions after you graduate. This immersive, experiential style of research and teaching experience makes Westlake graduates some of the most qualified, knowledgeable, and sought-after scientists in their field.

INTRODUCING YUNGU: THE CAMPUS OF THE FUTURE

Our Yungu Campus, one of the most stunning and sustainable research areas in the world, sits in the heart of an expanding university town surrounded by global technology firms, ancient ruins, and picturesque hiking trails.

Designed by renowned German firm HENN GmbH, our campus boasts rich dining options, sports and recreational facilities, interactive study areas and classrooms, a gigantic library, futuristic lobby spaces, and peaceful rivers, fountains, and lush gardens.

Yungu has over 300 state-of-the-art independent laboratories, each focusing on breakthrough technologies, future medicines, and solutions to global problems. The campus not only houses some of the best facilities in the world for research, exploration, and interdisciplinary engagement, but is also specifically designed with quality of life in mind for our students, scientists, and engineers.

PH.D. IN BIOLOGY – SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

Ph.D. in Biology Introduction:
Westlake University's Biology department is a pioneering, supportive, and innovative community of scholar-practitioners focused on building excellence between the biological sciences and related branches of physical science, medicine, engineering, and material sciences. The doctoral program in Biology at Westlake University provides opportunities for interdisciplinary research across the Life Sciences and related fields. Doctoral students in our program contribute to the development of new technologies, methodologies, and scientific innovations with the guidance of our globally respected faculty.

Education Objectives:
The School of Life Sciences strives to nurture and support Ph.D. students to become outstanding innovators in life sciences and interdisciplinary research fields, gaining a broad international vision and strong sense of social responsibility.

With Westlake University's resource-rich facilities and environment and enduring dedication to the pursuit of excellence in teaching and research, students can develop an in-depth and systematic understanding of the latest life science innovations and technology.

Ph.D. students are expected to master a comprehensive body of knowledge across all related life science disciplines and have the academic literacy and innovative ability to independently conduct scientific explorations at the forefront of life science.

Graduate Courses:
Students in our Ph.D. in Biology program are supported by a world-class academic community and courses are taught by distinguished experts, including University President Yigong Shi, Vice President Tian Xu, Dean Hongtao Yu, and Chair Professor Duanqing Pei. A diverse range of courses are also taught by other world-leading expert faculty members.

PH.D. IN BIOLOGY RESEARCH FIELDS:

Biophysics & Biochemistry
In the Biophysics and Biochemistry Program you will focus on the structure and function of biomacromolecules and their complex biological processes among, and related to, major diseases. Doctoral students in this program investigate protein expressions, modifications, and interacting principles under physiological or pathological conditions. You will also explore development mechanisms of diseases and seek to discover new treatment methods through multidisciplinary approaches.

Cell Biology
Ph.D. students in Cell Biology can focus their studies on stem cell research, cancer cell research, immune cell research, or neural cell research. The Cell Biology program also explores cellular homeostasis, fate determination, cell-cell communication, organelle functionalities during development, ageing, and disease pathogenesis. Students can investigate our contemporary understanding of the fundamental biological theories and principles including the biochemical and biophysical principles underlying cell replication and proliferation, cancer initiation and progression, pathogen-host interaction, as well as brain physiology and brain disorders.

Genetics & Developmental Biology
In the Genetics and Developmental Biology program you will unlock the fundamental principles of genetics at the molecular, cellular, individual, and population levels. Students in this program also seek to understand how alterations of these principles affect disease, ageing, and regeneration. School of Life Sciences laboratories in this program are conducting world-leading research utilizing vertebrate and invertebrate model organisms and human subjects. Multi-disciplinary approaches and technologies including genetics, developmental biology, cell biology, immunology, molecular biology, evolution, AI, and bioinformatics are employed in both basic and translational research.

Immunology & Microbiology
In the Immunology and Microbiology program you can focus your research on virology, bacteriology, vaccinology, innate and adaptive immunity, cancer immunology, and microbial-host interactions. The program seeks to identify novel mechanisms of immune regulation and to decipher the mysteries of pathogenic microorganisms and their interactions with the host. Students seek to solve major scientific bottlenecks and key technical issues associated with the mechanisms, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of infectious diseases. The goal is to translate these scientific discoveries into effective clinical applications to treat major human diseases.

Neurobiology
Neurobiology is a highly interdisciplinary research program that is committed to understanding how the nervous system works and seeks to discover new ways to prevent or treat neurological disorders. The program is at the very forefront of technology and methods that decode neural networks underlying complex cognitive behaviors, elucidate how nervous systems interact with peripheral organs, and analyze neurovascular and neuroimmune units and the underlying regulatory mechanisms. The program aims to discover how these functions are disrupted by disease and find new approaches to treating these diseases.

Chemical Biology
Chemical Biology integrates chemistry and biology to develop advanced chemical synthesis, chemical analysis, and biological analysis techniques to explore, intervene, and manipulate complex life processes. The program is dedicated to achieving a series of technological breakthroughs which will empower fundamental biomedical research as well as translational research. Key members of this program have strong expertise in the fields of natural small molecule discovery, small molecule biological probe development, small molecule drug discovery, and peptide and protein design and engineering.

Systems & Synthetic Biology
In Systems and Synthetic Biology you will learn multiple skills and methods that are at the forefront of international research, including systems biology, synthetic biology, computational biology, and biotechnology. The Systems Biology research field investigates interactive and multifaceted networks of living systems. Ph.D. students in the Synthetic Biology area seek to design and construct new biological entities, devices, and systems.

PH.D. IN CHEMISTRY – SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

Ph.D. in Chemistry Introduction

Westlake Chemistry is committed to achieving excellence in the chemical sciences and cultivating strong interdisciplinary connections across other fields, such as physical science, medicine, engineering, and material sciences. To further this commitment, our Ph.D. program covers five major research areas: Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Material Chemistry, and Chemical Biology, taught by leading faculty in their respective fields.

Our Ph.D. students will receive a solid foundation of knowledge and skills enabling them to conduct interdisciplinary scientific inquiry, discover new knowledge, and make technological innovations across fields. Our comprehensive research-focused curriculum is designed to prepare students to succeed in a wide range of career options, such as the chemical industry, academics, medicine, and education, and positions them to serve society.

Education Objectives:

Our program provides broad research and educational training opportunities across the chemical sciences and related fields. We strive to train future scholars across the chemical science disciplines at the highest level. Each graduate student is generally given a teaching or research assistant fellowship during the course of their studies. In addition to the direction and support by the mentor on graduate dissertation research, excellent mentoring assistance and sufficient financial aid at the department and school levels are offered as needed.

Graduate Courses:

The courses in our Ph.D. program are taught by a group of vibrant, motivated, and acclaimed scientists who are current or rising leaders in scientific academia, research, higher education, private industry, and government. The courses and mentorship available in this program utilize our faculty's broad cross-disciplinary and cross-industry knowledge to assist our graduates in achieving their desired career and research goals.

PH.D. IN CHEMISTRY RESEARCH FIELDS:

Organic Chemistry
Ph.D. students in Organic Synthetic Chemistry will focus their studies on catalytic synthesis methodology and the development of innovative activation modes and collaborative catalysis strategies in the areas of photocatalysis, electrocatalysis, metal catalysis, organic catalysis, and enzyme catalysis. Students in this program will utilize modern methods such as high-throughput screening and directed evolution to solve the chemical challenges of bond formation and bond breaking in traditional organic synthesis. Students will also address important scientific problems such as multi-secondary selective control. The Organic Synthetic Chemistry research field also provides access to new generation synthesis platforms for the development of functional molecules by combining synthesis strategy and concept innovation.

Inorganic Chemistry
Students in Inorganic Chemistry focus on methods and applications related to the properties and behavior of inorganic compounds including metals, minerals, and organometallic compounds.Students will apply novel techniques and new methods to develop catalysts, coatings, fuels, surfactants, new materials, superconductors, and advancements of new medicines and pharmaceutical applications.

Physical Chemistry
Students in Physical Chemistry aim to develop fundamental knowledge and understanding of chemical processes and reactions at the molecular and atomic levels.

Physical chemistry incorporates interdisciplinary principles and applies our understanding of physics to decipher chemical interactions to examine how matter behaves on a molecular and atomic level. Ph.D. students will develop and apply theories using physics, mathematical computations, laboratory instruments, and machines to push the contemporary understanding of physical chemistry.

Materials Chemistry
In Materials Chemistry students focus their research on the synthesis and application of materials and the exploration of structure-activity relationships of materials. The program emphasizes the development of specific applications of special structures to provide the scientific basis for the development of electronics, quantum information, energy, life science and applications to other fields.

Chemical Biology
Students in Chemical Biology focus on the development of innovative chemical technologies and materials and on furthering our understanding of the regulation of important life processes. The intersections of living organisms, medical science, and materials and manufacturing science will be explored. Students concentrate on solving basic and major scientific problems in the design and development of organic functional molecules.

PH.D. IN ELECTRONIC SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Ph.D. in Electronic Science and Technology Introduction
Electronics and Information Engineering have been a driving force that propels the status of this modern information technology evolution which is behind the foundation of the world's most advanced discoveries and achievements. The School of Engineering is devoted to pushing the frontiers of research in applied sciences to introduce new technologies and know-how that can advance human well-being and environmental sustainability. In this program, you will make original contributions and develop impactful innovations that will shape the future of undergoing information technologies, including the Artificial Intelligence implications.

Education Objectives:
In the School of Engineering, you will benefit from numerous interdisciplinary approaches and opportunities from the natural and life sciences. We are future-oriented and consistently focused on utilizing the most cutting-edge research platforms, devices, and research facilities.

The School of Engineering's Ph.D. program is the highest research-oriented degree and dedicated to teaching and training based on fundamental sciences to push the frontiers of original technologies. Our Ph.D. students strive for excellence in advanced research and are challenged to be change-makers who will create a better world and translate their research findings into real-world applications.

Graduate Courses:
Graduate courses offered by the School of Engineering are taught by world-class faculty who have studied and held academic positions at some of the world's top-ranked universities. A diverse range of courses in the Electronic Science and Technology program are custom-built to match the fundamentals of most advanced discoveries and applications. This program allows our students to conduct research and projects that include various stages of original and impactful innovation, such as theory, design, modeling and simulation, micro and nano fabrication, assembly and packaging, in vitro and in vivo testing, clinical validation when needed, and project management.

PH.D. IN ELECTRONIC SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FIELDS:

Physical Electronics
In Physical Electronics, you can focus on optics, photonics, and optoelectronics, including integrated photonics, nanophononics and smart optoelectronics for sensing, display, computing, and communications applications. This program emphasizes mastering the theoretical and methodological functions in the study of the fundamental properties of light and harnessing them for practical applications. Research on optics and photonics covers the entire electromagnetic spectrum and students will learn to apply these skills through interdisciplinary connections to computing, AI, and smart sensing, imaging, and spectrum technologies.

Circuits and Systems
Students in Micro and Nano Electronics and Solid-State Circuits focus on the implementation of electronic energy devices, memristors, flexible electronics and photonics, wearable and implantable brain-machine interfaces, micro- and nano-fabrication technologies, ice lithography, 3D lithography, 3D printing, and AFM probe lithography. Ph.D. students in this area work within multidisciplinary fields of interest to invent smart medical devices, including biosensors and actuators, wireless communication technologies, nanophotonic design and fabrication methods, and methods of microsystem integration. Students may also apply research methods to solve multidisciplinary problems involving chemistry, physics, and various biomedical technologies.

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Electromagnetic Field and Microwave Technology
Students in the Electromagnetic Field and Microwave Technology research field focus on the generation, propagation, and interaction of electromagnetic waves for advanced communication technologies and metamaterials. Ph.D. students in this program will apply fundamental theories of physics to electromagnetic applications and related concepts of resistance, inductance, and capacitance that are fundamental to circuit theory. Students in this program also apply electromagnetic fields to broadcast, cellular, and satellite communications technologies. In this program you will be encouraged to develop new applications for electromagnetic field and microwave technologies for both research and commercial applications.

WESTLAKE UNIVERSITY – FUDAN UNIVERSITY JOINT PH.D. IN PHYSICS– SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

Ph.D. in Physics Introduction

Physics at Westlake University has developed rapidly in recent years. Great progress has been made in theoretical physics, condensed matter physics, atomic and molecular and optical physics, and there are plans to develop high-energy physics and astrophysics directions. Physics students receive solid training in mathematics, and theoretical and experimental physics. They will develop a wide range of interests and skills through coursework, experimentation, and participation in academic seminars and academic presentations. The knowledge and abilities acquired in the process will provide them with a solid foundation for their future careers. After graduation, physics majors can succeed in a variety of fields, including electrical engineering, computer science, chemistry, life sciences, and even finance.

Education Objectives:

Students in our Westlake University – Fudan University joint Ph.D. program in physics will receive thorough training in mathematics and theoretical and experimental physics. They will develop broad interests and skills through course studies, experiments, and participating in on-campus and international seminars and research conferences. Students are prepared to pursue careers in higher education, research, private industry, and government in diverse cross-disciplinary fields and industries.

Graduate Courses:

Courses taught in the Westlake University – Fudan University joint Ph.D. program in physics benefit from faculty mentoring and resources from two of China's best physics programs. Courses, taught by globally respected faculty who are leaders in their respective fields and industries, prepare students to graduate with specialized knowledge in their research field.

WESTLAKE UNIVERSITY-FUDAN UNIVERSITY JOINT PH.D. IN PHYSICS
RESEARCH FIELDS

Theoretical Physics
The School of Science's Theoretical Physics research program allows Ph.D. students to consider the interplay between physical theories, the insights and intuition obtained from them, and the rigorous application of mathematical concepts and principles. Students will investigate applications to classical dynamical systems, statistical mechanics, condensed matter theory, astrophysics, elementary particle theory, gravitation, and string theory, and seek to develop new knowledge and findings that are at the forefront of the contemporary understanding of the universe.

Atomic and Molecular Physics
Students in Atomic and Molecular Physics will focus their research on methods and theories that investigate the properties, dynamics, and interactions of the basic building blocks of matter. Beyond basic understanding of the behavior of electrons that surround the atomic nucleus, students will investigate how atoms and molecules interact with their environment.

Condensed Matter Physics
Students in Condensed Matter Physics will explore the macroscopic and microscopic properties of matter. Condensed Matter is a versatile sub-field of physics and students in the program will make new discoveries in the application and use of liquid crystals, modern plastics, and composite materials.

Optics
In Optics, students will study the behavior and properties of light, including its interactions with matter. You will use and develop new instruments that can overserve electromagnetic descriptions of light and the behavior of visible, ultraviolet, and infrared light. Students in this program will seek to develop new technologies and applications in their field.

HOW TO APPLY

WE ARE SEEKING COMPASSIONATE INDIVIDUALS, CURIOUS EXPLORERS, BOLD INNOVATORS, AND FUTURE LEADERS TO STUDY WITH US.

Westlake Ph.D. Student Profile
We are searching the world for exceptional researchers who want to make a global impact in their field. Applicants to our programs should show strong research abilities and potential, be adaptable, be socially engaged, be versatile and empathetic, have a global outlook, and demonstrate English proficiency.

I How to Apply
All applications should be submitted via the Westlake University Graduate Application System for International Students, which can be found here: https://en.westlake.edu.cn/admissions_aid/phdprograms/

(1) A photocopy of your passport:
Photocopy of valid passport bio data page. Applicants currently residing in China also need to provide a copy of the page containing a valid visa or residence permit.

(2) Personal statement:
More than 1,500 words in English are required for Ph.D. applicants. The content should include (but not be limited to) why you want to study at Westlake, why you want to do research (expected content of the research proposal), personal achievements, experiences worth mentioning in your opinion, and your attitude towards life and research.

(3) All diploma and degree certificates:
The original or a notarized copy of your certificates (or proof of impending graduation for applicants in their final year of study). If the certificates are not in English or Chinese, you must also attach a notarized translation in English or Chinese.

(4) All transcripts:
The original or a notarized copy of your transcripts showing all your studies for your bachelor's and master's (if applicable) degrees. If the transcripts are not in English or Chinese, you must also attach a notarized translation in English or Chinese.

(5) Evidence of English language proficiency
IELTS: 6.5 overall (Min. Requirement)
TOEFL iBT: 90 overall (Min. Requirement)

(6) Catalogue and abstract of published papers or other documents that prove academic ability.

(7) Two recommendation letters:
The referee must be a professor or a person with an equivalent academic title. The recommendation letter should be in Chinese or English and include the referee's signature and contact information.

II Assessment and Admissions
Westlake University Ph.D. Admissions Committees will review applicant materials to assess their suitability for studying at Westlake. Next, a select number of applicants will be invited to attend the interview round to assess their academic background, research potential, English proficiency and communication skills, creativity, and character. Interviews may be conducted in person or online. Admissions decisions are based on a holistic evaluation of the applicant.

III Admissions Timetable

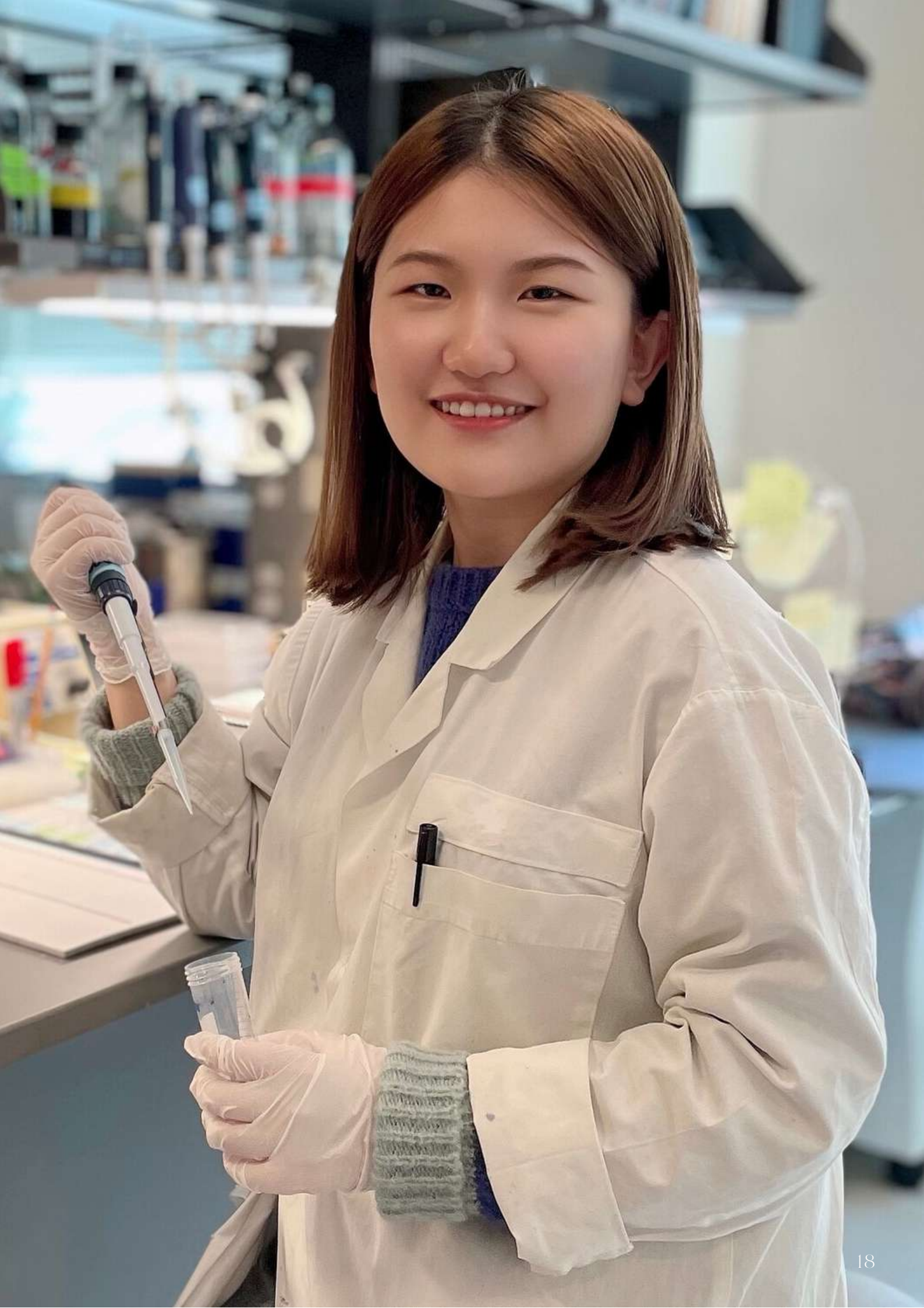
First Round

Sept. 5	Application opens
Nov. 13	Application due
Dec. 3	Interview starts
Dec. 9	Admission decision
Dec. 31	Student reply

Second Round

Nov. 14	Application Opens
Mar. 31	Application due
Mar. 15	Interview starts
Mar. 31	Admission decision
May 10	Student reply

IV Fees and Scholarships
Application fees for 2023 are waived for all applicants.
Accommodation Fee: 1,800-2,200 RMB/year
Tuition: 10,000 RMB/year
* International Ph.D. students in our programs receive full tuition fellowships or scholarships and a monthly living stipend.



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