



Short-term Mobility Program

The Australia-China Centre for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (ACCTERM) Short-term Mobility Program provides funding opportunities for reciprocal exchange of higher degree research (HDR) students from Chinese partner institutes/universities to QUT or from QUT to Chinese partner institutes/universities on a short-term (maximum 3 months) basis.

In 2015, ACCTERM will make available approximately \$25,000 towards mobility grants through a competitive application process. The aim of this program is to support students and early-career researchers (ECR) who wish to experience studying and working in either China or Australia. The grant will fund two QUT students or ECRs to study/work in an ACCTERM partner university in China and two Chinese students or ECRs from an ACCTERM partner university to study/work at QUT.

1. What are the key features in the ACCTERM 2015 Short-term Mobility Program?

- The total amount of funding available in this round is approximately \$25,000.
- The host locations in China (Guangzhou, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Nanjing and Wuhan) have been prioritized. In certain circumstances, students may undertake some study or internship activities in an eligible second location additional to their principal host location.

Amount of funding and locations

2. How much funding is available in the 2015 Round?

In this round, approximately \$25,000 is available from ACCTERM to provide return flight tickets between Australia and China and living allowance. The funding will support two weeks to three months short-term visiting (up to \$6250 per person for a maximum period of three months).

3. Where can students participate in Short-term Mobility Program?

The 2015 ACCTERM Short-term Mobility Program provides opportunities for Australian HDR students/ECRs to study/work in a range of partner institutes/universities in China, which include:

- Guangzhou
Sun Yat-sen University
- Shanghai
East China University of Science and Technology
Shanghai Institute of Ceramics, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Hangzhou
Zhejiang University
- Nanjing
Nanjing University
- Wuhan
Wuhan University



Queensland University of Technology

The Short-term Mobility Program also provides opportunities for Chinese HDR students/ECRs to study/work at QUT.

Mobility program details

4. What can students study under the ACCTERM Short-term Mobility Program?

Grants must be used to support mobility projects that are agreed between QUT and the partner research institutes/universities in China. Such projects include:

- Joint/cartilage regeneration
- Bone tissue engineering and musculoskeletal biomechanics
- Platform technology for stem cells, biomaterial and drug assessment
- Regenerative medicine in dentistry

5. Can students study in multiple host locations?

Students/ECRs must undertake the majority of their project in one primary host location. If the primary host cannot provide a particular component of a project, then the student may stay with a secondary host instead.

For example:

- A three month short-term research project in an eligible Host Location (primary Host Location) which includes two weeks of fieldwork in a neighboring eligible Host Location (secondary Host Location).

6. When can students commence their mobility project?

The ACCTERM Short-term Mobility Projects must commence between **1 July 2015** and **31 December 2015**. Any proposed variances to this timeframe should be discussed with ACCTERM (accterm@qut.edu.au) and clearly noted in the application.

Eligibility

7. Who can apply for the mobility program funding?

Australian students/ECRs who receive a grant to participate on an ACCTERM Short-term Mobility Program must be:

- Enrolled in QUT at the time of application and throughout the mobility program.
- Undertaking higher degree research (Masters or PhD) at the commencement of the mobility project or working as an ECR at QUT.

Chinese students/ECRs who receive a grant to participate on an ACCTERM Short-term Mobility Program must be:

- Enrolled in QUT's partner institutes/universities in China at the time of application and throughout the mobility program.
- Undertaking higher degree research (Masters or PhD) at the commencement of the mobility project or working as an ECR from ACCTERM partner institutes/universities in China.



Application and assessment process

8. What is the application process?

Applications for the ACCTERM Short-term Mobility Program are submitted to accterm@qut.edu.au between **1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015**.

For the application, please be prepared to provide the following required documents in ONE pdf file (max 20MB) in the order below:

- Letter of Motivation (max. 1 page)
Please keep in mind that your letter of motivation is essential for the evaluation of your application. You are therefore asked to describe your professional aims as precisely as possible as well as your reasons for the short-term exchange. Additionally, please be sure to mention the researcher(s) at the partner institutes/universities with whom you are interested in working.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Track Record
- Budget for the short-term visit
- Provide a list of publications or works in progress. Please highlight the most important three papers with an asterisk. To your track record you may add awards, conference contributions (presentations, speeches, poster sessions, workshops) and patents.
- Reference/Letter of Support
Please provide a letter of reference from your current supervisor or a former supervisor. If your supervisor would prefer to keep the letter confidential, please have him/her send it to us at accterm@qut.edu.au.

9. How will mobility applications be assessed?

The ACCTERM Short-term Mobility Program applications will be assessed against their eligibility and performance. The selection panel will also take into consideration the scalability of proposed programs.

Preference may be given to applications that will promote:

- Quality of collaboration
- Balance and diversity in Host Locations, fields of study
- Collaborative project development

10. What are the reporting requirements?

Candidates are required to submit a Completion Report and a Statutory Declaration that all information is true and correct and that funds have been spent in accordance with the funding agreement no later than two weeks after the completion of the funded mobility project.

For more information, please visit [Australia-China Centre for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine](#) or contact ACCTERM at accterm@qut.edu.au.