

# **2+2 Programmes Guide**

**Study at one of the top 20 Universities in the world**

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## Guide for Chinese Students

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### 1 Introduction

The School of Engineering at The University of Edinburgh has an agreement with several Chinese universities which allows students to study engineering for two years in China and then transfer to The University of Edinburgh to complete a further two years of study. This is known as a “2+2” agreement.

On successful completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> year at Edinburgh, the students graduate with a Bachelor of Engineering degree awarded by The University of Edinburgh.

This arrangement is currently in place with the following eight universities, but more may be added in due course:

- Dalian University of Technology (Dalian)
- The Liaoning Shihua University (Fushun)
- Nanjing Aeronautics and Astronautics University (Nanjing)
- North China Electric Power University (Beijing)
- Shenzhen University (Shenzhen)
- South China University of Technology (Guangzhou)
- Tianjin University (Tianjin)
- Xiamen University (Xiamen)

## 2 What can I study at The University of Edinburgh?

Before choosing one of our programmes of study, you should find out if the programme of study you are taking in China fits in with ours. If you are in doubt, please ask.

### 2.1 Chemical Engineering

- Chemical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering with Management

### 2.2 Civil and Environmental Engineering

- Civil Engineering
- Structural and Fire Safety Engineering
- Structural Engineering with Architecture

### 2.3 Electronics and Electrical Engineering

- Electronics and Electrical Engineering
- Electronics
- Electronics and Electrical Engineering with Management
- Electronics and Electrical Engineering (Communications)
- Computer Science and Electronics
- Electronics and Software Engineering

### 2.4 Mechanical Engineering

- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering with Management
- Mechanical Engineering with Renewable Energy
- Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
- Engineering for Sustainable Energy

### 3 Why should I study at The University of Edinburgh?

#### 3.1 Reputation of the university

The University of Edinburgh, situated in the capital city of Scotland, is one of the six “ancient” universities in the UK, and was founded in 1583. It was ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in the world in the recent 2013/14 QS survey. It is also one of the largest universities in the UK, with nearly 29,000 students. For most of its history, the University of Edinburgh has had a reputation for attracting students from all over the world, and currently has over 8,000 international students from 137 countries. At present there around 1,600 students from China studying at the University of Edinburgh.

The University of Edinburgh offers over 300 degree programmes, from Arts and Humanities, Science and Engineering, to Law and Medicine. It also has over 60% of all Scotland’s top researchers.

A degree from the University of Edinburgh is recognised across the world.

#### 3.2 Reputation of the School of Engineering

The School of Engineering is part of the College of Science and Engineering within the University, which is one of the largest science and engineering groupings in the UK. The College has over 7,500 students, over 900 academic staff and over 500 support staff, and is situated on its own campus just outside the city centre.

Our School received one 5 and one 5\* international research ratings in the last Research Assessment Exercise: the highest ranked groupings in Scotland.

#### 3.3 Prospects after you graduate

A degree from The University of Edinburgh is recognised throughout the world and is valued very highly by employers.

All our degrees are accredited by the relevant UK professional institutes, including the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET – previously the Institution of Electrical Engineers), the Institution of Chemical Engineers, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Institution of Structural Engineers. These institutions ensure that our teaching is of the highest quality and our engineers are trained for the demands of the worldwide marketplace.



### 4 Where is Edinburgh and what is it like there?

#### 4.1 Scotland

Scotland, together with England, Wales and Northern Ireland, makes up the United Kingdom. It is 600 kilometres north of London (approximately 1 hour by plane or 4.5 hours by train). There are easy flight connections to China via London, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Paris or Amsterdam.

Scotland enjoys mild winters and warm summers, and has some of the most unspoiled scenery in Europe. With only 10% of the UK population and 33% of the land, there are plenty of wide open spaces to explore.

#### 4.2 City of Edinburgh

Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland, and has a population of 500,000. However, it attracts over 2 million tourists every year, thanks to its historic centre and beautiful location. It is situated on the river Forth in the east of Scotland, and it is easy to visit the beaches and mountains for which Scotland is famous. Edinburgh is regularly voted one of the top places to live in the UK.

#### 4.3 Accommodation

The University guarantees a place in university accommodation for all students from out with the city for the first year of study, provided that you apply by the deadline.

There are many choices of university accommodation, from student self-catering flats to fully catered residences. All of the accommodation is either a short walk or bus ride from the city centre and the university. You will spend most of your two years studying on the Science and Engineering campus, which is about 10 minutes by bus from the city centre, but there is plenty of student accommodation nearby.



### 5 How much will it cost?

#### 5.1 Accommodation

The accommodation costs vary a little, but as guide, a place in university catered accommodation will cost around £199 - £279 per week. This includes your accommodation and all meals (except weekday lunches). A place in a self-catered student flat will cost around £151 - £209 per week. The rent in all university accommodation includes a regular cleaning service, all heating, hot water and electricity costs, and in the majority of rooms, access to the University's intranet and telephone service. Cleaning and housekeeping varies according to the location and type of accommodation offered but usually includes all common areas, staircases etc. within the University's premises.

#### 5.2 Living expenses

Information on the cost of living in Edinburgh for a typical academic year can be found on our university website- <http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/finance>

Of course, these calculations will vary according to your lifestyle.

#### 5.3 Fees

Tuition fees are published by the University Registry on the University's website and are subject to annual revision. Tuition fees for the academic year 2015-16 will be £19,150, however, it is important to remember that, compared to other overseas students, you will only have to pay fees for two years rather than for four.

All Chinese students who take part in the 2+2 scheme are eligible for a £2,500 scholarship per year. (Approx £1 = 10 Yuan.)



### **6 I am thinking of applying. What do I need to do now?**

#### **6.1 Courses for which we have 2+2 agreements**

You should check that what you are studying in China matches with a degree programme at The University of Edinburgh. You can find out more about our degrees on our website, but if you would like more information, please contact us.

#### **6.2 Scores needed in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year courses in China**

We do not have a list of specific courses and required scores. We will make a decision to accept you, based on what you have studied, how well you have performed, how well your course matches to one of ours, and on your English language ability.

#### **6.3 English language requirements**

Before we can accept your application, you need to pass an IELTS test with a score of at least 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each section.

#### **6.4 Start planning now**

- If you are interested in applying for entry in September 2015, you should start planning now. Discuss everything with your parents and family, as well as your course tutors. The earlier you start planning, the easier it is to make all the arrangements in time.
- Look at our courses and ask for any further information you need.
- Concentrate on improving your English, as one of the staff from the School of Engineering will visit your university in March/April 2015 to interview you.
- Contact your International Office for more information.

## 7 How do I apply to study at Edinburgh?

### 7.1 Applying for the 2+2 programme

If you want to apply for our 2+2 programme, the application process is different from the normal application to study in the UK. If you are in 2<sup>nd</sup> year now, tell your International Office that you would like to apply, and your International Office will contact me with a list of potential applicants.

### 7.2 Interviews

Someone from the School of Engineering will interview you in China in March/April 2015. This interview will be in English, and will test your knowledge of the engineering you are studying, as well as your language ability.

### 7.3 After your interview

We will ask for your application documents before the interview. If you are successful at the interview, we will inform you as soon as possible and our admissions team will start processing your application documents. Our admissions team will then send you a "Record of Prior Acceptance" (RPA). This means that we can give you an offer of a place, but note that if you are applying by this route you cannot apply for any other university in the UK.

### 7.4 IELTS score

Remember that you must have achieved an IELTS score of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each section by the time you apply.

### 7.5 Receiving an offer

If you meet all these requirements (academic, interview and minimum language), we will make you an Unconditional Offer. This means that we are offering you a definite place to study with us, and we will send you a letter to confirm your place. This letter allows you to start applying for a visa. You will also be given a UCAS reference number. Normally, all students who want to study in the UK apply through UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) directly and are given a UCAS number then. If you apply directly to us instead, you will be given this number from us. This will allow you to see your application on-line, and UCAS will contact you directly to give you a formal offer of a place.

The letter from us contains important information about how to apply for the English language courses, accommodation, pay fees, and so on. Please read it carefully and make sure you follow the instructions in plenty of time.



## 8 What do I do after I have been offered a place?

### 8.1 Visa

You must apply for a visa to come and study in the UK. The offer letter from us will enable you to start the application process. Your International Office will be able to advise you how to do this. Further information relating to visa requirements can be found at [www.ukvisas.gov.uk](http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk)

### 8.2 English Language courses

After we have offered you a place, it is a requirement that you arrive in Edinburgh in the middle of August in order to attend the intensive English language courses at the English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC) at The University of Edinburgh. These last for 4 weeks before the start of semester, and are as follows:

Course 1: "English for Undergraduate Study" (4 weeks)

Course 2: Once you begin your Engineering studies, you will also be expected to study an English course designed for Engineering students to ensure you are up to a sufficient standard.

These courses must be completed in order to progress to 4<sup>th</sup> year of your chosen degree programme.

### 8.3 Accommodation during the English Language courses

As part of our agreement with your home University, we will organise accommodation for you to stay in during your pre-sessional courses. We are likely to pay for this up front and then deduct the cost from your scholarship.

### 8.4 Pre-sessional Engineering courses

During your English course, you will also be given Engineering lectures and this will cover any gaps in knowledge you may have and will be a beneficial demonstration of our teaching here at The University of Edinburgh.

### 8.5 Studying

It is important to remember that you will be expected to cope with all the lectures, tutorials and labs as soon as you start studying with us. We will help you with your language studies and any extra tutorials before the start of semester, but after that you are expected to perform in the same way as other students. We have degree exams in December, so it is important to start studying hard as soon as you arrive. We do not make any extra allowances for overseas students in exams; you will be treated in exactly the same way as all other students.

### 8.6 Accommodation during semester

For your first year of study with us, you should apply for university student accommodation as soon as you have been given an unconditional offer. You can apply online at The University Accommodation Services website: [www.accom.ed.ac.uk](http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk). You will be guaranteed a place in accommodation, provided that you apply by the published deadline. Full details, including how to pay, are given on the Accommodation website.

### 8.7 Fees

You must be prepared to pay the university fees at the start of semester. Full details will be given to you by our Registry team once you start your studies.

### 9 Further Information

#### 9.1 Useful websites:

- The University of Edinburgh: [www.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ed.ac.uk)
- Information for International Students: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/international/>
- School of Engineering: [www.eng.ed.ac.uk](http://www.eng.ed.ac.uk)
- English Language Teaching Centre: <http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/english-language-teaching>
- Information on Fees at The University of Edinburgh: <http://www.registry.ed.ac.uk/Fees/UGFees.htm>
- Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS): [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

#### 9.2 Checklist

- If you are thinking of applying, start to plan now
- Work out which degree programme you are interested in studying at Edinburgh
- Start preparing for your IELTS test
- Be prepared for an interview in March 2015
- If successful, apply directly to us
- Apply for a visa as soon as you can
- Register for the English language courses at The University of Edinburgh in July 2015
- Prepare to pay fees for English language courses and university
- Book accommodation for start of university

#### 9.3 Contact details

Student Recruitment Officer  
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