



MSc/PhD Scholarships (2020) in the Wildlife Institute, Beijing Forestry University, China

Beijing Forestry University (BFU) is currently offering funded positions for international students willing to study in China, under the Chinese Government Scholarship Scheme. Scholarships (both full and partial) are available for suitable candidates who wish to study for an MSc/PhD degree in the Wildlife Institute (WI), School of Ecology and Nature Conservation, BFU from September 2020.

WI was founded in 2008 with the goal of providing evidence for wildlife conservation and management within China and internationally. As a university based research unit, WI-BFU carries out interdisciplinary scientific research in fields such as wildlife ecology, evolution, conservation and wildlife management. WI has a strong focus on research and conservation of endangered feline species such as snow leopard, leopard, clouded leopard and tiger as well as symbolic terrestrial species such as Asian elephant and Bactrian camel. Projects in WI range from high plateau desert ecosystem in northwest China to tropical forest ecosystem in southwest China. In addition to an integrated network within China, such as State Forestry and Grassland Administration, China Wildlife Conservation Association, Vanke Public Welfare Foundation, WI is in close collaboration with Rocky Mountain Research Station, U.S. Forest Service, Marwell Wildlife, IUCN, UNDP, ZSL, PANTHERA and WWF. Through undertaking collaborative research, academic exchanges and the mutual cultivation of postgraduate students, WI has strengthened its international status and furthered its development as a well-known wildlife institute in China. Currently there are four PhD and two MSc international students who come from US, UK, Italy, Paraguay and Mongolia working in WI. Five international students (three PhDs and two masters) have graduated by the end of 2018.

MSc/PhD study possibilities in WI will ideally focus on the following aspects: ***Ecology and conservation of mammals, especially wild felids and their prey; Conflicts between wildlife and human beings; Conservation biology, landscape genetics and molecular ecology of endangered species; Ecosystem services and management within and beyond protected areas***, while students with molecular background particularly knowledge on genomics, experience on data analysis, or academic publications will be preferred and prioritized.

A full scholarship will provide:

- University fees (tuition, laboratory and learning materials, bench fees)
- On-campus accommodation (double room)
- Stipendiary living allowance (MSc: 3,000 RMB and PhD: 3,500 RMB per month)
- Comprehensive medical health insurance

Please note that international traveling expenses are not included. In addition to tuition fees and subsistence, the scholarship will also cover expenses for an intensive Chinese language course during the first year. Partial scholarship may include any combinations of elements from the full scholarship, where appropriate.

Details about Beijing Forestry University and degree programs can be found on the website:

<http://www.studybeijing.com.cn/English/>, details of Chinese Government Scholarship are available online:

<http://www.campuschina.org/>, and university online application system and Chinese Government Scholarship application information System are: <http://apply.studybeijing.com.cn/>; <https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login>.

Procedure for application: (1) Please send your full curriculum vitae and a cover letter to Dr. Shi Kun (Professor, Director of WI, kunshi@bjfu.edu.cn) and cc Ying Chen (yingchen@hku.hk) if you are interested to apply before **17th April 2020 (Friday)**. (2) Applicants will be noticed by email whether or not pass the first round of screening on or before **20th April 2020 (Monday)**. (3) Guidelines will be given to candidates to start university online application and scholarship application and deadline for submission of online applications: **8th May 2020 (Friday)**.

