

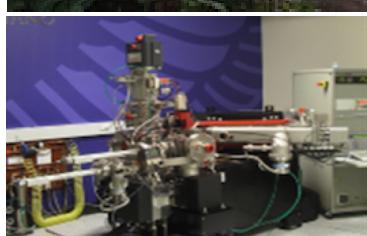
# UWA-ISA CAS

Joint PhD Programme in Soil Systems Science



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
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Faculty of Science



## About the Programme

This joint research training initiative is supported by the Australia China Science Research Fund (ACSRF), a jointly funded programme of the Australian and Chinese governments. As a PhD candidate you will work alongside researchers from some of the leading universities and research institutions in Australia and in China. Our aim is to deliver new solutions to the challenges of **Healthy Soils for Sustainable Food Production and Environmental Quality**. Specifically, we are looking for highly motivated researchers to work across any of the following research areas:

1. Synchronizing Nutrients and Water for Food Production
2. Agricultural Waste Management
3. Soil Processes and Remediation
4. Supply chain and food credentials

Successful candidates are expected to have a strong commitment to agriculture and environmental science and to have a good first degree qualification in a related discipline.

## Eligibility and Funding

This joint UWA-UCAS PhD programme provides Chinese students, with a CSC scholarship, the opportunity to study for their PhD in both China and Australia; at The University of Western Australia (UWA) and the Institute of Subtropical Agriculture, Chinese Academy of Sciences (ISA-CAS). Successful candidates will be expected to undertake a four-year program, with 2 years study at both UWA and at UCAS. Research will be done under the joint guidance and supervision of UWA and UCAS supervisors.

UWA will provide a Scholarship for International Research Fees (SIRF) to any student admitted to this program who holds a stipend scholarship from the China Scholarship Council (CSC) for their studies. Students selected for this programme, will also be provided with an additional Scholarship to supplement their living expenses during the time they are resident at UWA. This Scholarship will be paid by UWA direct to the student at a pro-rata rate equivalent to AUD\$7000 per annum (a student resident at UWA for 2 years of their 4 year programme would receive AUD \$14,000).

To be eligible for the programme students must be currently enrolled in a PhD at their Home Institution and have not completed more than 12 months of study prior to their application to the Joint Degree Programme. Students will be supervised by not less than three faculty members as supervisors, with at least one (1) supervisor from each party. Successful candidates will also be required to meet the language and other entry requirements of both institutions.

**UWA is currently ranked 24th in the world for Life Sciences and Agricultural Sciences by the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU). Soil Science at UWA received the top score (5) and was ranked 'well above world average' in the most recent analysis of 'Excellence in Research Australia (ERA)'**



## Further information

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