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Application for: PhD
Entry: September 2008
JACS Code: F200
University of Manchester User ID: 7011124

Dear Miss Gao,

Thank you for your application to study at The University of Manchester. I am delighted to make you an unconditional offer of a place on the above course.

Your research entitled "Self Assembly and Gelation Properties of Model Peptides for Biomedical Applications" will be supervised by Dr Alberto Saiani. No modification may be made to the approved title without consent from the School.

All PhD students are expected to undertake a skills audit at the beginning of their programme and annually thereafter, to determine their research, transferable and generic skills requirements. Students are also expected to take part in a programme of skills training and development, where applicable, as part of the PhD degree.

The University charges different tuition fees to students depending on their nationality, country of domicile and other factors. From the information you have provided to us, you are an International student for tuition fees purposes. The tuition fee for entry in the academic year 2008/2009 for International students will be £12,900 and will remain the same for every year of study. Tuition fees for entry in subsequent academic years are subject to change. Additional terms and conditions are shown on the reverse of this letter. Further information about fees, funding, living costs and accommodation can be found at www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate.

Please let me know within 8 weeks whether or not you wish to accept this offer by logging on to www.manchester.ac.uk/selfservice using the University of Manchester User ID shown at the top of this letter. Your password is your date of birth in the format DDMMYYYY. Please change your password the first time you log in.

If you have any queries relating to your offer, please do not hesitate to contact me, and meanwhile we look forward to welcoming you to The University of Manchester.

Yours sincerely,

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To whom it may concern

Miss Gao

This is to confirm that Jie Gao will commence a 3-year programme of study leading to PhD in September 2008 at the School of Materials.

Miss Gao has been awarded a School Scholarship and an Alumni Scholarship that will cover the whole of the tuition fee for the 3-year programme of study. She will also receive maintenance payments of £700/month for the duration of the programme, subject to satisfactory progression of her research.

Yours faithfully

Sandra Kershaw

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9 June 2008

Dear [redacted]

I am delighted to be able to confirm that you have been successfully nominated to receive an Alumni Fund PhD Scholarship for three years, to support your research into 'Regenerative Medicine', thesis title; "Self-assembly and gelation properties of model peptides for biomedical applications" in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences. The Studentship is available from the beginning of the 2008/9 academic year.

The value of the award is £8,000 per annum, totaling £24,000. This amount should be used to finance areas necessary to fulfill your PhD, likely to include a contribution towards tuition fees and living expenses. Please can I refer you to your faculty contact and any communications you may have received from them for more details/ queries regarding your funding. This award has been made possible by the generosity of former students across all subject areas at the University, who make regular contributions to the University's Alumni Fund programme (see <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/alumnifund/2015>) via our telephone and mail fundraising programmes. If you would like more information on those programmes, please contact Nicola Cobham, our Head of Annual Giving (Nicola.Cobham@manchester.ac.uk).

Funding for the second and third years of your research is subject (as for all similar awards) to satisfactory academic progress, and the receipt of a short report and photographs of your experiences which will be shared with alumni donors. This feedback process will take place either in November or June each year depending on when you commenced your studies. Details of what should be contained within the report will follow. Additionally, should you not want to take up this Scholarship award we would appreciate it if you could let Nicola Cobham know as soon as possible. We will confirm arrangements for the administration of your award with your faculty over the summer period, but you will receive a first installment as soon as you register for your programme in the autumn.

Finally, on behalf of our alumni donors and staff within the Division of Development and Alumni Relations, please accept our congratulations on successfully being nominated to receive a Scholarship. We look forward to being in touch again soon, and hope you enjoy the summer break before starting what we are sure will be a highly successful and energising research programme at the University

Yours sincerely,


Chris Cox

Director of Development

cc: Susan Ryles, Dr Alberto Saiani