

Instructions for International PhD/Master Applicants

Thank you for your interest in our research group.

Recently, we have received a large volume of applications from international students. However, constrained by our training capacity, we are unable to respond to the vast majority of these inquiries. To facilitate effective two-way matching and avoid unnecessary communications, we have listed the criteria we expect applicants to satisfy for your reference. Given the high volume of incoming emails, please kindly note that we may NOT reply individually if you fail to meet the requirements below. We appreciate your understanding.

1. Applicants' previous degree studies must be completed within China (including Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan regions). Specifically, applicants for Master's programs should have finished their undergraduate studies at a university in China. Similarly, PhD applicants must have obtained (or be about to obtain) their Master's degree from a Chinese university. In addition, we will take into account the domestic ranking of the university and your GPA as criteria to decide whether to follow up with your application.
2. We expect applicants to possess competent Chinese proficiency. Specifically, applicants shall have passed HSK-5 test or above, with a total score of no less than 180 out of 300 and a speaking test score of at least 60.
3. Your research interests should align closely with the group's research directions, including but not limited to LLM and Applications, Knowledge Graph, Semantic Computing, and Multi-Agents. Please review our group's recent publications (via my personal website), and select at least one paper to briefly describe what you have learned and your ideas for potential further improvements.
4. If you are applying for a PhD position, we require at least two published papers, among which no fewer than one should be in journals or conferences ranked as CCF B-class or higher by the China Computer Federation. The full ranking list can be accessed via the link: https://www.ccf.org.cn/Academic_Evaluation/By_category/

If you satisfy all the above requirements, please compose the email in Chinese, confirming that you have read these instructions, and enclose the relevant supporting materials. Our team members will contact you to arrange an interview. Thank you again for your interest.

Best regards, and we wish you every success with your application.

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