

## Developing a collaborative project with SUMC

**Available projects:** SUMC has assembled a list of their potential collaborators. The table is available from your Graduate Coordinator and from the MSGP-Shantou administrator ([janis.davis@ualberta.ca](mailto:janis.davis@ualberta.ca)). This table contains information on 26 SUMC researchers that have earned the privilege to supervise doctoral students (only given to a fraction of full professors). You will find information on their current position, research interests and technical expertise. Future lists may include successful SUMC Associate Professors that UAlberta would consider as eligible supervisors for doctoral students.

**Development of project:** UAlberta researchers interested in developing a collaborative program should examine the information provided by SUMC to identify a potential collaborator(s). A table with potential SUMC collaborators is available from your graduate coordinators or from the FoMD web site. To initiate communication you may contact either Dr. Paul Melancon ([paul.melancon@ualberta.ca](mailto:paul.melancon@ualberta.ca)) or Dr. Jianjun Zhang ([zhangjj@stu.edu.cn](mailto:zhangjj@stu.edu.cn)) who will communicate your interest and provide contact information. Initial contact with a potential collaborator is best done by videoconference through Skype or other similar software. Note that there is a +10 hour time difference between Edmonton and Shantou. Funds for travel to Shantou to further elaborate the collaboration may be available upon request.

**Project pre-approval:** Prior to presentation to potential trainees, the collaborative project will need pre-approval by the UAlberta-Shantou Steering committee. The application process will involve completion of a short form that provides information about the collaborators and a brief (<1 page) description of the project. The description should be clear enough to allow the committee to judge whether the project can yield significant results in a 3-year time frame. An application form follows.

**Available students:** SUMC routinely requests applications from current SUMC MSc students interested in participation in this program. Applications are reviewed by a SUMC committee to identify the best candidates. This subset of students is then interviewed by a committee of English speaking SUMC faculty members. This process identifies students whose research experience, publications and technical skills are described in a separate Table available from your Graduate Coordinator. We also plan to open the application process to MSc students from other Chinese universities.

**Interview:** Students are recommended for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies by the graduate coordinator of the home department of the UAlberta collaborator. Such a recommendation can only take place after collaborators have both interviewed the pre-selected applicant and agreed to co-supervision.

**Timeline:** For a September start, projects should be submitted to the Steering Committee for pre-approval before by the end of April. Interviews of pre-selected students by collaborators in May will be followed by recommendation for admission by the graduate co-ordinator by the end of June.

**Medical Sciences Graduate Program - Shantou  
PhD Project Proposal**

(Please insert additional rows if required – ‘place cursor in row, choose table – insert – row’)  
Submit an original or an electronic version of the PhD Project Proposal to:

MSGPC-Shantou, Office of Research  
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, 2J2.11 WMC  
(780) 492-9721      janis.davis@ualberta.ca

<b>Date of Submission:</b>									
<b>Proposed Program Start Date:</b>									
<b>Graduate program at UA:</b>									
<b>Student (if known):</b>			<b>Last Name:</b>			<b>First Name:</b>			
<b>Title of Project:</b>									
<b>I. Co-supervisor(s)</b>									
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Position:</b>			<b>Department:</b>			<b>UA or SUMC</b>	
<b>II. Source of Funding for this Project</b>									
<b>Source</b>		<b>P.I.</b>			<b>Duration</b>			<b>Amount</b>	
<b>III. Does your project involve:</b>			<b>at SUMC</b>			<b>at UA</b>			
	<b>Use of Animals</b>	<b>YES</b>		<b>NO</b>		<b>YES</b>		<b>NO</b>	
	<b>Human Subjects</b>	<b>YES</b>		<b>NO</b>		<b>YES</b>		<b>NO</b>	
	<b>Biohazards</b>	<b>YES</b>		<b>NO</b>		<b>YES</b>		<b>NO</b>	
	<b>Has ethics approval been applied for:</b>								

**IV. Project Description-**

***Please make sure to indicate which part of the work will be performed at SUMC or UA***

***(1-page maximum)***