

Centre objectives



The University of Birmingham has had educational ties with China for over a century: we are one of the largest western recruiters of Chinese students, and many of our leading academic staff maintain research partnerships with their counterparts in China.

In response to the recent dramatic expansion in China's higher education and research capacity demands, the University is pursuing a distinctive 'partnership platform' approach to enhance its engagement with the country.

We aim to embed the University in Guangzhou through relationships with local universities, public service providers, research institutes and commercial organisations, using signature initiatives aligned with College and University strategies. Meanwhile, our strategy requires a flexible response to the opportunities that emerge from the relationships we are exploring.

The Birmingham Guangzhou Centre plays a vital role in stimulating and encouraging collaboration in China, supporting five major strands that involve all university colleges:

- Establishment of strategic research alliance with local research institutes and universities to jointly develop a range of leading research projects in the areas of medicine, environmental protection, integrated energy systems, and advanced manufacturing.
- Development of academic partnership with local universities in postgraduate education and training, which are linked to the research projects.
- Development of the capacity-building relationship with universities in Guangzhou.
- Establishment of an educational platform to develop and deliver English taught programmes with a partner university in Guangzhou. Under such a platform, the University of Birmingham offers undergraduate and postgraduate students on programmes designed, delivered and accredited by Birmingham alone or in partnership with local partnership university
- Enhancing business engagement where there is either intellectual property with commercial potential or scope to address the research and development needs of businesses.