



MSc International Innovation Newsletter:1

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Introduction from the Programme Director Helen Fogg

Thank you for your interest in the MSc International Innovation. In this newsletter you'll find out about how our current students are getting on with the course, gaining awards, meeting Chinese businesses, and socialising together.

If you have any questions about the course, whatever stage of application you're at, please feel free to [contact me](#) for more information, or you can talk to our course administrator [Claire Prior](#), or our [student ambassadors](#) who can answer questions on student life at Lancaster. Good luck with your application and I hope to be working with you soon! Helen Fogg.

Student Profiles

Read about our current students and send any questions to our Student Ambassador

Over 10 [Student Profiles](#) are now available on the Lancaster China Catalyst Programme web pages. Find out what [Lucy Binfield](#) thinks the best thing is about being on the MSc International Innovation programme so far and how [Amish Trivedi](#) is benefiting from working with companies on the programme. You can also [view our film](#). The MSc International Innovation programme has a Student Ambassador, [James Balshaw](#), (pictured right) who is able to give informal advice based on his own experiences and can help answer questions relating to student life and the experiences of studying at Lancaster University. If you wish to contact James, please send an email to lumspgambassadors@lancaster.ac.uk.



MSc International Innovation students meet participating UK and China businesses



MSc International Innovation students recently attended a ceremony at Lancaster University, attended by both UK and Chinese businesses participating in the Lancaster China Catalyst Programme. In an event attended by the university's Vice Chancellor, companies signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreements with each other cementing their business relationships. The students will do their projects with these companies in both the UK and Guangzhou, China.

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Lancaster University Innovation Champion
Congratulations to Kyaw Tun Sein, one of our current MSc International Innovation (Engineering) students.

Kyaw is the winner of 'Jolt the Library 2015', a collaboration between [Lancaster University Library](#) and [The Innovation Hub](#) to find an innovative idea to improve the student experience at the Library. Students were asked to submit their ideas and were assessed on a range of criteria including impact on the student experience, feasibility of the idea, details of the idea and originality.

Over 130 entries were received and 6 finalists were shortlisted. Kyaw's winning idea was to use Smart Cushions (such as [Darma](#)) to help students to improve their study habits in the Library. Kyaw now holds the title of Lancaster University Innovation Champion 2015 and received £1000 in vouchers of his choice. The Library will now work with Kyaw to implement his idea in the Library during the 2015-16 academic year. Full details about the Jolt the Library final can be found [here](#).

Chinese New Year Celebration

Students get together to celebrate Chinese New Year

We arrange a wide variety of socials for students on the course. This February students and staff celebrate the Chinese New Year, Year of the Lamb, at a local Chinese restaurant, followed by a 'loud' introduction to karaoke! "Gangnam style" was the surprise highlight of the evening and united everyone in some unforgettable group dancing!



Chinese Language and Culture

Learn the art of calligraphy

Throughout the year, our current students have been introduced to Chinese Language and culture. Here students are relaxing in a Chinese calligraphy class.



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Accommodation

Applications for on-campus accommodation now open

If you have accepted your offer of a place and have paid your £750 programme deposit, you will receive information, by email, on how to apply for on-campus accommodation.

The University offers postgraduate students their own accommodation location in The Graduate College, adjacent to the main University campus. Your options range from single rooms, self-contained studios and

family flats. You must apply by 1 August 2015 if you are a UK or EU student, or 15 August 2015 if you are a student from outside the EU, to be guaranteed a room on campus. Full information about Postgraduate Accommodation on campus is available [here](#).

If you wish to live away from the campus, Lancaster University's Student Union has an off-campus accommodation and housing service, known as [LUSU Living](#). They offer a dedicated [Postgraduate Lettings Service](#) and have a number of 1 & 2 bed self-contained houses, flats and studios available.



University Library Refurbishment

The Library refurbishment project is expected to be complete by January 2016

The original library opened in January 1967, with an extension added in 1997. At the heart of the new building will be an atrium with a glass roof. The new atrium space will provide a calm and tranquil space for students to work. Study spaces around the atrium will benefit from natural daylight and ventilation. The interior design strategy for the new building is based on sustainable innovation and uses sustainable materials that are innovative and visibly sustainable in nature; the acoustic ceiling panel is made from 100% natural materials, the carpet is made of 100% recycled nylon and all fabrics are manufactured and dyed in the UK. Full details about your new Library can be found [here](#).

[Get your applications in now!](#)

"The course so far has been fantastic. I have been overwhelmed by the amount of support we receive from the staff, not only academically and financially but also socially. I would definitely recommend this course to other students as it is completely unique,"

Bryony Robertson, MSc International Innovation (Environmental Science).

