



University of  
**Nottingham**

UK | CHINA | MALAYSIA

**15**  
years

A night-time photograph of the University of Nottingham Ningbo China building. The building is a large, multi-story structure with a prominent central tower and a portico. It is illuminated with warm lights, and the windows are lit up. In the foreground, there is a fountain with several water jets. The sky is dark, and the overall scene is a mix of blue and white tones.

# The University of Nottingham Ningbo China model of Transnational partnership

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Provost and Pro-Vice-Chancellor





# History

Legislation is passed that permits the establishment of Sino-foreign universities in China.

Recruits the first group of students



A UK Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education's review comments the University an "impressive achievement".

2003

2004

2006

2009

2013

2019

The first Sino-foreign university in China.

Expand to offer masters education

The first PhD students start

Ranked the 55th in the Best Chinese University Ranking

15  
years



# Student learning and experience





- The University of Nottingham ranked as a world top 100 university by QS World University Ranking 2020



- English as the medium of instruction
- Teaching is informed by the University of Nottingham and subject to the same quality assurance processes

- British-style learning environment: critical thinking, reflection, teamwork and innovation

- Students graduate with University of Nottingham degrees



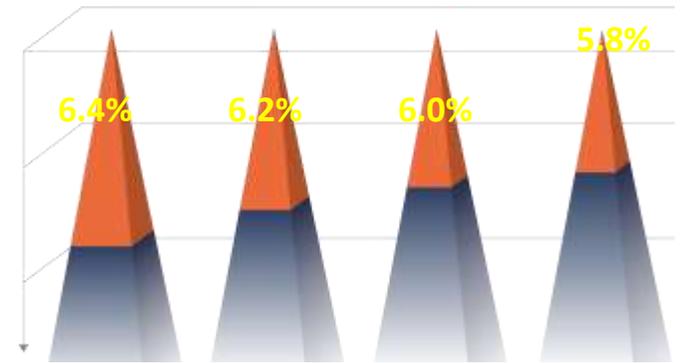
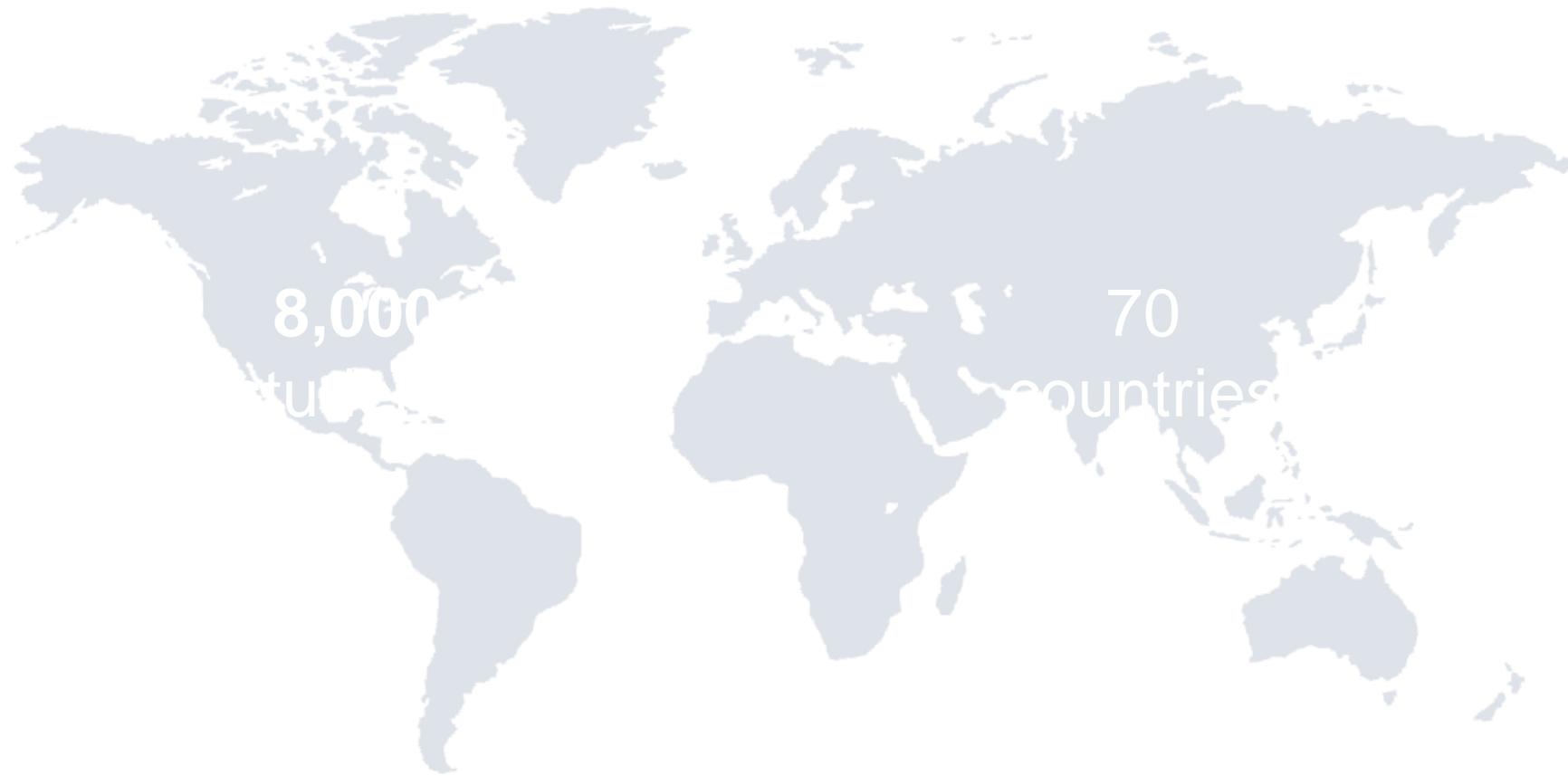


The Quality Assurance Agency review of transnational education concluded: \*

- The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) is an impressive achievement and that student receive as fully a British education as it is possible to provide in China.

- The academic standards and the quality of the student learning experience at UNNC are equivalent to those of the home university.
- UNNC has achieved its stated intention to provide the 'Nottingham experience' in China.

\* Review of UK transnational education in China: The University of Nottingham Ningbo China. Quality Assurance Agency. Published 2013.





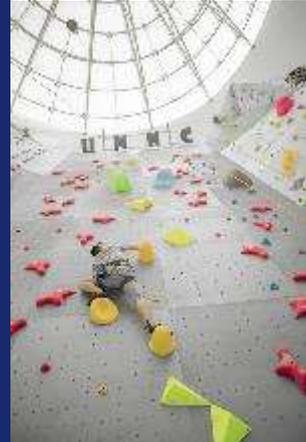
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Life cycle fundraising to encourage education equity



Tri-campus games and arts festival



# University experience



Over 100 student-run clubs and societies



Students second in SIFE World Cup, beating out the national champions of 38 other countries with a presentation and annual report on their community outreach projects



UNNC Symphony Orchestra won three top prizes at "Student Art Festival of Zhejiang Province"



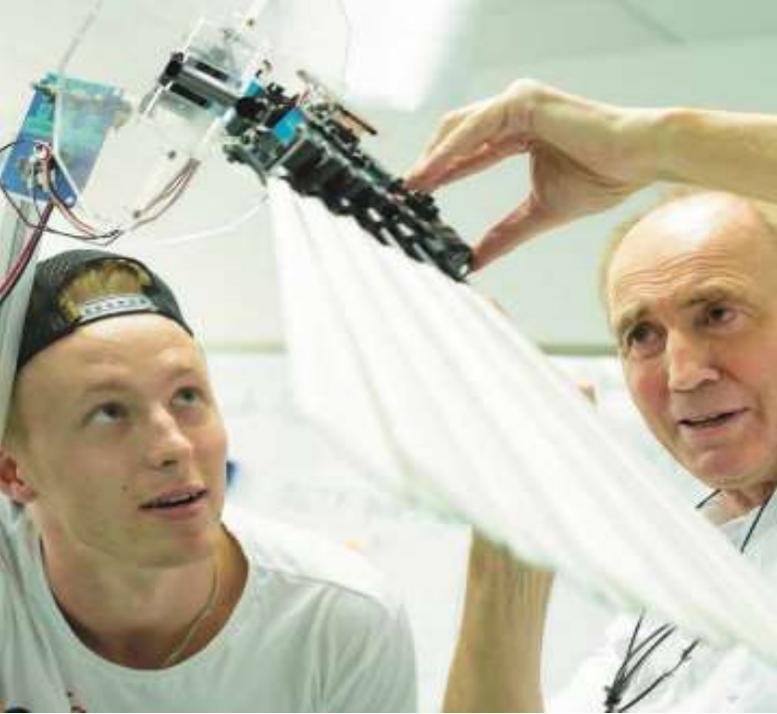






# Research with global impact





- **A fast-growing hub for excellence in research, innovation and knowledge exchange.**
- **Research capacity spans all faculties and disciplines.**

- **Marine Economy and Technology**
- **New Materials Institute**
- **Nottingham China Health Institute**

- **Academic staff seconded from Nottingham UK or appointed to University of Nottingham standards**

- **24 top scholars are recruited via Li Dak Sum Chair professor scheme**



- **Innovating with industry**
- **Li Dak Sum Incubator**



# Key research metrics

- Impact factor of UNNC's publications is 1.51
- Ranked Top 10 in China
- 70% co-authored with institutes in other countries

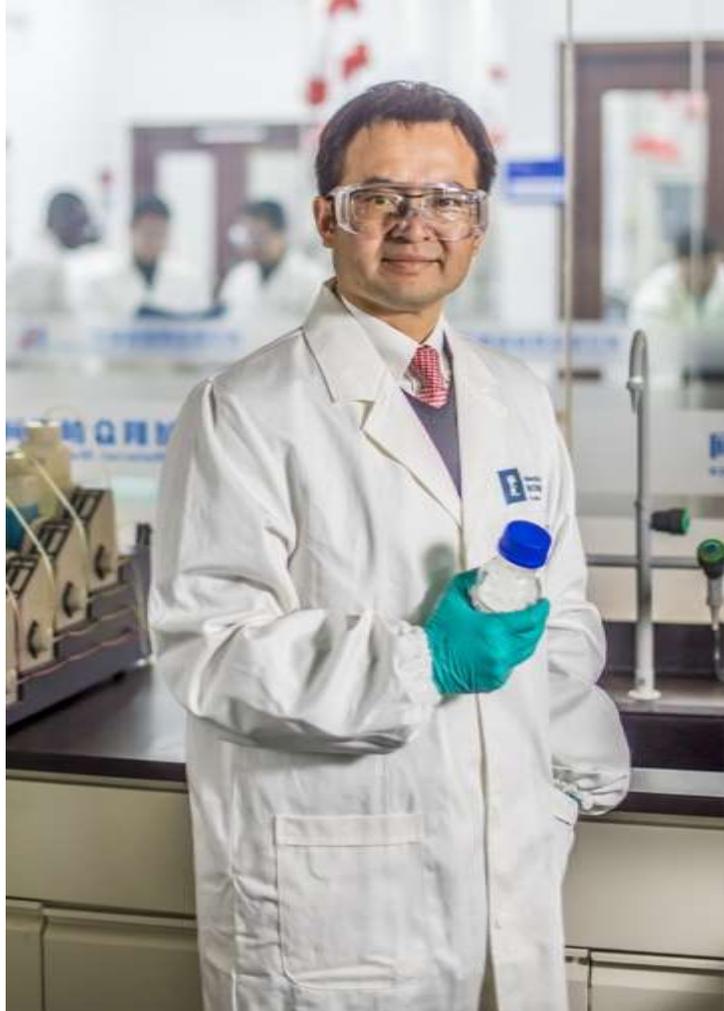
	2018 QS World Rank 2018	Field Weighted Citation Index* (2018)
UNNC 宁波诺丁汉大学	-	1.51
Peking University 北大	38	1.45
Nanjing University 南京大学	114	1.44
Tsinghua University 清华	25	1.43





## Transport - p

- Our experts have invented a carbon dioxide powered vehicle
- Our dedication to the development of composite materials for electrified transport



## Environment

- Our research we exploit innovation
- Working co leading the China's big

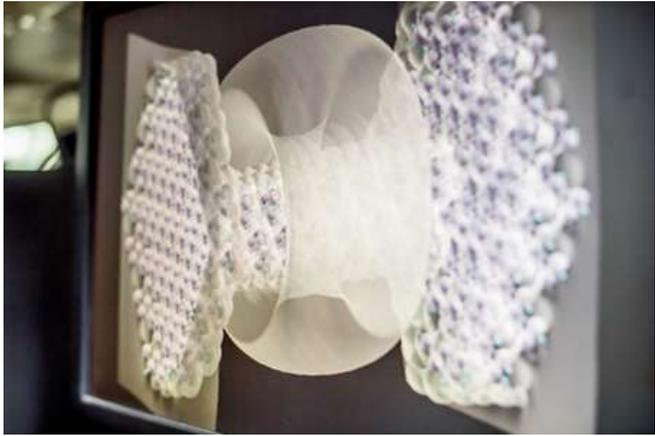


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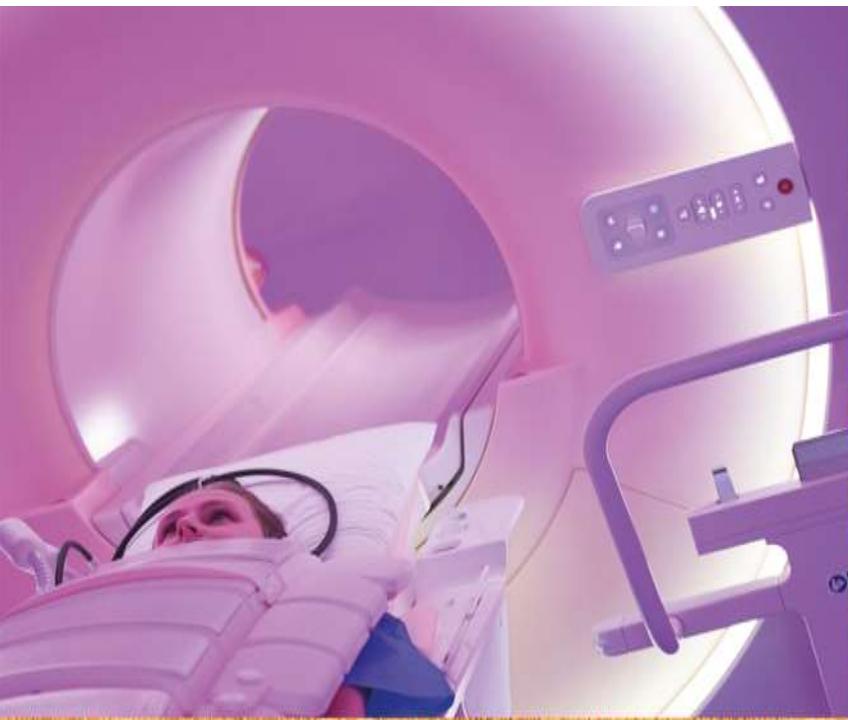
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# Global connections





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# University of Nottingham: Contributing to China's Educational Reforms



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Challenges of operating a campus  
in China



## Challenges I (Local “fit”)

- Understanding local systems (course approval, visa regulations etc)
- Balancing local regulation/policy with institutional norms (eg what is permitted on campus)
- Local cultures and service implications
  - Acceptability of accommodation styles
  - Sensitive services – counselling, disabled students
  - Styles of engagement with students
  - Religion



## Challenges II (Student and staff expectations)

- Managing student expectations
  - Local students
  - International students
  - Exchange students
- Managing delivery
  - Staff expectations and behavioural norms
  - Systems
- Undergraduate versus postgraduate



## Challenges III (Underpinning systems)

- Scale and systems – small scale programme mobility easier to address than large scale institutional mobility requiring integration across locations
- Local reporting requirements – different data needs
- Composition of staffing – balancing institutional experience with local knowledge
- Managing across time zones