

Dear Prospective Students:

Thank you very much for visiting my website and/or for your interest in working with me! As you know, it is impossible for me to respond to every single email you send me. So, I would like to use this opportunity to provide additional information for you here.

B.S./B.Eng internship applicants:

If you are interested in applying for summer internship positions, I am sorry to tell you that I do not have suitable opening for you. Please refrain from sending me emails inquiring about this. I don't want to be impolite, but I cannot afford enough time to respond to you. I am sorry...

MSc applicants:

MSc students are admitted by the Department and individual faculty members including myself are generally not involved in the admission decisions. You do not need to identify your MSc project supervisor in advance as an admission requirement.

I supervise MSc projects, but assignments of students to various faculty members are performed by the course (degree program) director and I generally have no influence about it. Having said this, I would be happy to discuss with you after you start your MSc study at the College, if you are interested in my research areas.

Ph.D. applicants:

In general, I recruit new Ph.D. students every year, although the number of openings can vary widely from year to year. The best way to see whether my research interests would fit yours is to look at some of my recent papers and the web pages of my research projects. Please feel free to email me if you are interested in my research areas.

I typically provide financial support to my Ph.D. students in various degrees through my research grants. However, my projects normally do not have enough funding to pay for the full tuition fees for international students from outside of the UK and European Union. (Please see the overseas tuition fees from Imperial College website.) So, unless you receive scholarships elsewhere or have personal financial means, my research projects usually cannot fully support international students.

I have very high respect of my Ph.D. students for their intellectual potentials and dedication to their research work. I am very demanding (even from myself), but supportive, reasonable and fair. I work with others with the highest degree of respect, integrity, honesty and openness. So, I would expect the same from my students. Most of my students, if not all, have their own websites and my research project websites have links to their sites.

If you have a B.S. or B.Eng degree, Imperial College requires you pursue an MSc degree first before you study for your Ph.D. here. It is partly so because our Ph.D. study lasts only for three years and you would need additional time to acquire a broad knowledge in your field. To apply for Ph.D. admission, you have to follow the procedures set up by the College and the Department. Once your application reaches my department, I shall evaluate your credentials and recommend decisions, if your research falls within my areas of expertise.

Best wishes to your educational endeavor,

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