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# **International Post-Graduate Outcomes in Education: A case study of Chinese graduates of Manchester Institute of Education Masters' students**

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## **Project abstract:**

International students come to UK universities in large part in response to promises of increased graduate employability. Particularly for Chinese postgraduate students, the UK's single largest population of international students, entrance into an extremely competitive job market is a source of great concern. A British postgraduate degree is therefore understood to be a valuable advantage. However, there is limited data available on international PGT students' transition experiences into work, particularly in disciplines such as education where there is no clear career trajectory. Previous research has indicated that postgraduate employability is heavily mediated by social capital, or guanxi, but there is limited data exploring the interactions between the educational capital of an international PGT degree and the pre-existing social capital held by graduates. The purpose of this project, therefore, is to examine the experiences of transition into work of Chinese PGT alumni of education, to better understand the role that international education programmes play in developing employability.

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## Manchester Data Management Outline

- Ethics
- No - only institution involved
- Acquire new data
- University of Manchester Research Data Storage Service (Isilon)
- < 1 TB
- No
- 0-4 years
- Pseudonymised personal data
- Audio and/or video recordings
- Personal information, including signed consent forms

I will be audio recording the video interviews with participants, and collecting pre-interview questionnaire data.

The pre-interview questionnaire is designed to capture basic details to allow the interview questions to be tailored and more efficient, and to establish a mutually convenient time to conduct the interview. A password-protected word document will be sent, and participants will be asked to complete this and return it by email. Responses will be saved to the Research Data Storage System and deleted from the researcher's email. Participants' personal information in the questionnaire responses and consent forms will be saved separately from the transcripts. Recordings and transcripts will be saved using pseudonyms only.

- No
- No
- No
- No

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## Project details

Explores international Masters' alumni experiences of transition into work;  
Identify how alumni have identified, created and obtained work opportunities in the field of education and beyond.

University of Manchester research data management policy

## Responsibilities and Resources

Sylvie Lomer

Access to research data storage

## **Data Collection**

Interviews and questionnaire responses from 20 alumni

Data will be created through online interviews using Zoom conferencing software. Recordings will be taken on a university encrypted laptop using software that saves to the hard drive. Once exported, recordings will be saved to the Research Data Storage system. Recordings will be stored in a single folder and conducted by a single researcher.

Questionnaire data will be saved in password-protected word documents, stored on the Research Data Storage system.

## **Documentation and Metadata**

Metadata accompanying the dataset will include interview dates, pseudonymised participant location (i.e. region and city description e.g. capital city of western province) and job title. All relevant contextual details will be incorporated in the interview transcripts, appropriately pseudonymised.

Other documentation will include the methodology and analytical procedure.

## **Ethics and Legal Compliance**

Informed consent forms and completed questionnaires will be saved on the University of Manchester Research Data Storage system. Data will be pseudonymised as soon as the interviews have been conducted. Participants will have the option to withdraw their data until the data has been analysed and it is no longer practical to separate out their individual information.

The project team will own the copyright collaboratively.

## **Storage and backup**

It will be stored in University of Manchester research data storage system. As soon as each interview is conducted, it will be transferred from the researcher's laptop (university owned and encrypted) to the data storage system.

Pseudonymised recordings will be shared exclusively with the professional transcriber via a secure data transfer system owned by the University of Manchester.

Pseudonymised transcriptions will be saved on the Research Data Storage system and accessed only by the research team.

## **Selection and Preservation**

Pseudonymised transcripts will be retained for up to 4 years. They may be shared with other researchers, separated from any personal or identifying information. Personal contact details will not be preserved or retained after the conclusion of the project.

The dataset does not have significant long-term value and therefore will not be held for longer than 4 years.

## **Data Sharing**

Research dataset will be made available on request to Sylvie Lomer. This will be advertised via the staff pages on the University of Manchester website.

As stated above, the dataset will consist of pseudonymised transcripts. It can therefore be shared.