Name: LEI WU
Degree studied: PhD Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Country you came from to study here: China
Year graduated: 2013

Would you recommend Strathclyde to other people?
Definitely! The University of Strathclyde is a leading international technological University. The Researcher Development Programme helps students to continue their personal, professional and career management skills development. Supervisors are responsible; they always point the right direction. I really enjoy the freedom to do independent research here.

What funding opportunities (if any) were available to you?
My PhD research was funded by the Scottish Overseas Research Student Awards Scheme (SORSA) and the university scholarship, which covered the tuition fee and an allowance of about £1,100 per month. Unfortunately, SORSA is now discontinued. To obtain the university scholarship, you should have a strong research profile to compete with students all over the world.

What did you like about living in Glasgow/Scotland?
Scotland is very beautiful especially the Highlands in the summertime. Glasgow is the largest city in Scotland; it is vibrant, safe and hospitable. The University is at the centre of Glasgow, when I was stuck in research, I always take a walk around the George Square and Glasgow Cathedral. The river Clyde and Forth & Clyde Canal gave me lots inspirations. More importantly, the living cost is not high.

What did you do following graduation?
I worked as a teaching associate at University of Strathclyde immediately after my graduation.

What are you doing now?
Currently, I am still a teaching associate. But I have obtained the Chancellor's Fellowship and my new job as Lecturer at University of Strathclyde will start in April 2015.

What other degrees do you already have?
BSc and MSc in Physics from Zhejiang Normal University, China

Why did you choose to study at Strathclyde?
The University of Strathclyde has a research culture of excellence with relevance and impact, and a long tradition of industry engagement. I pursued my PhD degree here because it is a place of useful learning.

What else do you like about Strathclyde?
The staffs are really helpful. Academic staffs in the group are inspiring and willing to discuss at any time, while non-academic staffs make your life easier. PhD students of versatile background are not holding back their thoughts, and corporative works can be easily established.

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