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Dear Alexander

We are pleased to confirm we can offer you a **Unconditional** place to study **Full Time** towards a Research Degree in the **Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET)**, **Liverpool John Moores University**. This offer is valid for a period of 1 month.

Your area of research study will be in Astrophysics. Your provisional **Director of Studies** will be Shiho Kobayashi (formal supervisor to be determined after enrolment). You will generally be based in the Astrophysics Research Institute and have access to a desk/computer.

You must enrol on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 for this offer to remain valid. If you cannot enrol on this date then you should make your Faculty Research Administrator (**Laura Bellinger**) aware within 7 days of receipt of this offer.

Prior to enrolment you will be sent information on on-line pre-registration, which you must complete before attending for enrolment. For enrolment, you should in the first instance report to your Faculty Research Administrator. You will be required to complete your enrolment at one of the University's Libraries (usually Avril Robarts Library, 79-81 Tithebarn Street, Liverpool, L2 2ER) and will need the following:

- This offer letter
- Passport or other acceptable proof of identity
- Proof of qualifications
- Fees or letter of sponsorship

The Fees for the Programme fall into the **Full-Time Home/EU (2017-2018)** category and will be £4,300 (please note this may be subject to change in future academic years). We can confirm that your **Tuition Fees** will be funded by **the Faculty of Engineering and Technology and the Science and Technology Facilities Council** and arrangements will be made internally for payment of these fees.

You will also receive a **Maintenance Stipend**, currently £14,553 for the 2017/18 academic year. You will receive a maintenance stipend of a similar amount for the period you are funded (which in the first instance is two/three years). The stipend will be paid directly into your own bank account in line

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with the University's payroll dates. The date of the first payment will depend on your enrolment date and you will be advised of this when you start. You must provide your bank details to your research administrator on enrolment.

Breakdown of Fees and Maintenance stipend Award (amounts are subject to change in future years):

Total Tuition Fee due per Academic Year	Contribution to T Science and Technology Facilities Council	Contribution to Tuition Fee LJMU Faculty of Engineering and Technology	Contribution to Maintenance Stipend from Science and Technology Facilities Council	Contribution to Maintenance Stipend from LJMU Faculty of Engineering and Technology
Year 1 2017/2018 £4300	£2150	£2150	£7276.50	£7276.50
Year 2 2018/2019 £4300	£2150	£2150	£7276.50	£7276.50
Year 3 2018/2019 £4300	£2150	£2150	£7276.50	£7276.50

**The continued payment of your Tuition Fees and Maintenance Stipend by the University is subject to regular review and satisfactory progress.**

You **MUST** register your Degree, which is subject to the approval of the University's Research Degrees Committee (RDC) within 3 months (Full Time students). It is anticipated that you will apply for Master of Philosophy (PhD) with transfer to Doctor of Philosophy but this could be amended to Registration for PhD Direct if your supervisory team feel this is appropriate. The **maximum** period of Registration for a **full time PhD student** (via Transfer from MPhil to PhD and including the registration period) is **48 months**, however the Faculty would anticipate you completing before the end of this period. The Registration period for PhD Direct is shorter.

You must attend the **Faculty Induction** with Dr William Atherton/Mrs Liz Hoare. You will be advised of the next available date on your enrolment. At the Faculty Induction you will receive the Faculty PGR Handbook, Health and Safety information, Postgraduate Research Student Lab Guide (if appropriate), Faculty PGR Student Checklist. In addition you will have the opportunity to meet the Faculty PGR Representatives and sign up to the Faculty PGR Community site.

You must also attend the **Graduate School Induction**. You will be sent details of this by the Graduate School after your enrolment. Information is also available on the Graduate School website at <https://www2.ljmu.ac.uk/RGSO/training/98934.htm>

Information regarding the progress milestones on your Research Degree can be found at <https://www2.ljmu.ac.uk/RGSO/58861.htm>

Information regarding Student Welfare Services can be found at <https://www2.ljmu.ac.uk/studentadvice/120502.htm>

All Postgraduate Research students in the Faculty are expected to undertake the **3is Information, Ideas and Insights Programme**, which enables them to obtain a qualification in teaching practice and therefore undertake teaching and/or demonstration duties upon completion. Further information





and details regarding registration will be provided upon your enrolment. As a funded student you are expected to contribute to teaching/demonstrating activities up to a maximum of 6 hours per week.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the **Faculty of Engineering and Technology** and we wish you the very best of luck with your studies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Ahmed Al-Shamma'a", written over a large, stylized loop.

Professor Ahmed Al-Shamma'a  
Executive Dean – Faculty of Engineering and Technology (FET)  
Liverpool John Moores University

**Please confirm acceptance of this offer by emailing your Faculty Research Administrator (Laura Bellinger, [l.bellinger@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:l.bellinger@ljmu.ac.uk)) within 7 days of receipt of this letter.**