

# New Forms of International Cooperation

## Joint Graduate Programs

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Opening Conference of the German Chinese Year of Science and Cooperation 2009/10  
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# Workshop topics

- Workshop 1: Structures of Joint Programs
- Workshop 2: Intercultural Competencies
- Workshop 3: Quality Assurance
- Workshop 4: Employability

# Statements

- German industry is interested in recruiting Ph.D. candidates (natural sciences & engineering)
- German students use the chance for increasing their career in industry
- Chinese doctoral students mainly pursue their Ph.D. for academic career

Is this true (reality) or are there other interests, demands and expectations?

# Considerations with respect to perspectives of employability

Aims and goals of a joint PhD program

- What kind of career students like to pursue
- What kind of qualifications and competencies, what is attractive for the students and the employers
- Should a program prepare the students for a career in academia or industry or both?
- How can different expectations be accommodated

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- What are typical positions of graduates of joint programs?
- How can a program accommodate different expectations of students from the different countries and of employers?

- What are typical expectations of Chinese and German doctoral students in joint programs regarding their later career?
- 1 Different structure of the program, joint programs
- 2 Overseas experience, language skills, technical and laboratory facilities
- 3 Possibility for post-doc positions, opportunities
- 4 Personal network building

What are typical expectations of later employers of graduates?

- 1 Foreign language skills
- 2 Experience in abroad
- 3 Flexibility of the students
- 4 Creativeity for solving problems

What are typical positions of graduates of joint programs?

1 They are just students of research systems

2 Project assistance mainly concentrate on research

3 Soft skills should be gained (Project management)



How can a program accommodate different expectations of students from the different countries and of employers?

1 involument of professors, ability to cooperation, reputation

2 displinery on a very high level, precondition

3 high profile very attractive for student and partner, more choice for candidates

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