

Earn a PhD in China

Five Branches University offers a joint DAOM/PhD program for students who wish to earn a PhD at one of our four sister colleges in China: Zhejiang Chinese Medical University, Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Liaoning University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Fujian University of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Studies completed in the DAOM program are transferable to the PhD program in China, allowing you to earn a PhD from a China TCM University with only one additional year of study. This PhD degree is recognized by the Chinese government and U.S. foreign credential review agencies as equivalent to a PhD degree in the U.S. The PhD credential may offer doctoral graduates the opportunity to obtain grants and teaching positions in American universities.

Admissions Process

You must indicate your interest in enrollment in the China PhD program at time of enrollment in the DAOM program. To apply please submit the following documents to Five Branches University:

- Photocopy of the picture page of your passport
- Completed PhD Application form
- Passport style photos
- Resumé or CV
- Recommendation letters
- Health examination form
- Non-refundable application fee

The list of application documents required vary slightly depending on the China PhD program you apply to. Please consult with the Five Branches University Director of Foreign Affairs before sending in your application package. Applications need to be submitted within the first six months of entering the DAOM program.

According to regulations of the Chinese Department of Education, the China PhD program is only available to non-Chinese citizens. Those who hold a passport from mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau are not eligible for the DAOM/PhD joint program.

Specialization Opportunities

You may choose from a wide range of specializations offered by our Chinese sister colleges. Once you designate a specialty you will work closely with Five Branches personnel, the Chinese university, and a supervisor knowledgeable in your chosen specialty. For details on specialization requirements contact the DAOM administration.



Zhejiang Chinese Medical University, Hangzhou, China

Period of Study

The minimum amount of time to complete a China PhD program is three years. You will need to choose a Chinese university, your specialization, and apply within the first six months of enrolling in the DAOM program. The first two years of coursework completed in the Five Branches DAOM program also applies to the coursework for the China PhD program. Each Chinese university has different requirements for their PhD program ranging from: requiring additional coursework, needing to reside in China for six months, and/or visiting the supervisor for one month every year. You are required to complete the China PhD program within six years.

Tuition

The tuition for the China PhD program varies from \$10,000 to \$21,000 depending on the university chosen. Tuition is payable yearly and covers classroom study, research expenses, PhD advisor fees, and clinical training. Once you have applied for the China PhD program you can withdraw your application at the completion of any year if necessary. U.S. federal financial aid is not available for the PhD program.