

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ATTACHMENT PROGRAMMES (i-RAP)

IMPORTANT NOTE

Before applying for any summer/winter programme, read the [GRO website](#) for important information on:

- General Eligibility Requirements and Application Process
- Course Mapping and Financial Aid
- Visa Application, Travel Advisories and Student Insurance

Xiamen University: MEL Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program in Marine Environmental Science 2026

(Updated as of April 2026)

Host University Website:	https://mel.xmu.edu.cn/en/info/1047/9202.htm
Programme Location:	Xiamen, China
Programme Dates:	Jul - Aug 2026 (minimum one month)
Application Period:	8 May 2026
No. of Placements:	To be determined by host university

ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION

1	Programme Fee	Waived. Provisions for selected participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A monthly stipend of up to CNY 1,700 (pretax, full attendance) • Round-trip travel expenses: economy class flight for students from overseas universities (up to USD1,000 for students studying in Asia) • On-campus accommodation (exact date tbc) 	
2	Projected Expenditure		
		Item	Estimated Cost (RMB)
		Programme fee	Waived
		Accommodation fee	Waived
	Daily expenses	Click Here (search by city)	
3	Financial Aid	As a participant of this programme, you are eligible to apply for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overseas Student Programme Loan (Singapore Citizens only) • PSEA Fund Withdrawal (Singapore Citizens only) • Business China Summer School Scholarship (Singapore Citizens & PRs only) 	

PROGRAMME DETAILS

4	Academic Content	<p>This programme is hosted by the State Key Laboratory of Marine Environmental Science (MEL)* and offers a unique opportunity for participants to dive into cutting-edge research in marine biogeochemistry and environmental science.</p> <p>Research areas: Marine Biogeochemistry, Marine Ecology, Marine Analytical Chemistry, Physical Oceanography, Remote Sensing, Marine Economy, and other disciplines related to marine environment.</p> <p>Research activities: Hands-on research, laboratory experiments, fieldwork, literature reviews, data analysis, seminars, and presentations.</p>
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5	Eligibility Requirements	<p>NUS’ generic eligibility requirements apply, please see GRO website for details.</p> <p>Host university’s requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding undergraduate students from universities worldwide who will maintain undergraduate status during the program. • Strong interest in marine and environmental science research, excellent academic performance, and aspiration to pursue research in related fields.
6	Accommodation	Accommodation details will be provided to selected participants.
7	Application Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select a research project and apply with XMU at https://melmeeting.xmu.edu.cn/fellowship/login.asp. Please prepare the supporting documents listed here: https://mel.xmu.edu.cn/en/info/1047/9202.htm before applying. 2. After you have received the acceptance from XMU, write to NUS Global, global@nus.edu.sg providing the project name and programme start and end date for programme set-up in EduRec. 3. Proceed to apply in NUS Education Records System (EduRec) – accept the offer to proceed with course mapping (if applicable) 4. Accept both the EduRec offer and the host university offer to confirm your participation in this programme.
8	Course Mapping	<p>Students interested in transferring units can start the course mapping process after applying and accepting the offer for the programme in EduRec. Course mapping request is subjected to approval from the Faculties. Click here for a step-by-step guide on applying for course mapping. Also note the following:</p> <p>Students may map up to a maximum of 10 units for each Summer Programme and up to a maximum of 5 units for each Winter Programme. Course mapping will be subject to approval from the respective Faculties/Schools.</p> <p>A total of 12 units from a maximum of 2 overseas summer/winter and research</p>

		programmes can be mapped without having to pay NUS tuition. Additional units mapped will be subjected to Special Term fees. For details, visit the Office of the University Registrar's website .
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
9	Visa Application	<p>Successful applicants will require a valid visa to do research at the host university. Please contact the host university to enquire about the appropriate visa required.</p> <p>For information on visa application, please refer to https://www.visaforchina.cn/</p>
10	Travel Advisories	Visit the MFA website for travel advisories on various countries/regions from the Singapore government.
11	Student Insurance	<p>NUS Student Travel Insurance is provided for your participation in this programme. Should you require a certificate of insurance, you may request it from the insurer directly following the instructions detailed in: https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/. (Log in using your NUSNET ID and password.)</p> <p>Students are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient travel insurance coverage for the full duration of their trip (including travelling). Please review the insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs. Students may purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p>
12	Contact Information	<p>Questions about the programme? Contact the host university: Ms Guanfei Wang at gfwang@xmu.edu.cn</p> <p>Questions specific to NUS Global? Contact us at: global@nus.edu.sg</p>

2026 MEL Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship

in Marine Environmental Science



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State Key Laboratory of
Marine Environmental Science



The MEL Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program in Marine Environmental Science (URF) aims to encourage undergraduate students to pursue careers in science and technology by providing excellent research opportunities at the State Key Laboratory of Marine Environmental Science (MEL), Xiamen University.



• Valuable research experiences in

Marine biogeochemistry, marine ecology, marine analytical chemistry, physical oceanography, remote sensing, marine economy and other disciplines related to marine environmental science.

• Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled as full-time undergraduate students during the period of their URF projects and should be interested in pursuing a career in marine environmental science, technology, economy and management.

• Diverse research activities

Lab experiments, field work, literature review, data analysis, seminars, and oral and poster presentations.

• Benefits

- A monthly stipend of up to 1700 CNY pretax
- Free on-campus accommodation
- Round-trip travel expenses: economy class flight for students from overseas universities or from Taiwan, China (up to \$1000 USD for students studying in Asia/Africa/Oceania, up to \$2000 USD for students studying in other continents), and train (second-class seats), high-speed rail (second-class seats), or bus for students from universities in Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao students. *For train, high-speed rail and bus travel in China, only second-class seats are permitted. Any upgrade to a higher class would be at your own expense.*

More information on:

<https://mel.xmu.edu.cn/en/info/1047/9202.htm>



Application Open: April 8-May 8, 2026

About Us

Originally known as Amoy, Xiamen (or the “gateway to China”) is a major tourist city on the south-east coast of China with a long history of international commerce. Xiamen University is one of the top universities in China. As early as the 1920s, it started its marine education and research program, which has now become one of the major marine programs in China.

The Laboratory of Marine Environmental Science (MEL) was formally promoted to a state key laboratory in March 2005 and specializes in marine environmental science research. It

was recognized as one of the best state key labs in the last two nation-wide reviews (2010 and 2015) by the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST). To meet the nation’s strategic needs of carbon-neutrality, an ocean powered country and ecological civilization, MEL is dedicated to cutting-edge and interdisciplinary research related to global and regional environmental changes focused on marine biogeochemistry and its ecosystem dynamics. The ultimate goal of MEL is to be an internationally recognized institution in advanced marine environmental research and a platform for fostering talent and academic cooperation.