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SUBJECT
**PhD programs in Operations Management
and Logistics, University of Twente**

Dear colleague,

There will be an attractive possibility for talented master graduates of China to obtain a scholarship for PhD research in the Netherlands. The National Science Foundation of the Netherlands (called NWO) has set up a program with the China Scholarship Council (CSC), which provides the grants. Please refer to <http://www.ttchina.nl> for a description of this program. Only current students from one of the Project 211 universities or the Graduate Universities of CAS (Chinese Academy of Sciences) and CASS (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences) are eligible. For more information on the whole procedure including the list of Chinese universities where applicants should (have) obtain(ed) their master degree we refer to the list of Chinese Research Institutes on <http://www.ttchina.nl>, as well as to the attached brochure.

The program will be open for application on August 15, 2011 and will close on October 4, 2011. One of the research schools which offers PhD positions is the Twente Graduate School of the University of Twente, see http://www.ttchina.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP_88NGF5_Eng or <http://www.utwente.nl/tgs>.

Through this letter, potential applicants are invited to prepare and submit a proposal in one of the following fields: Production, Maintenance or Supply Chain Management (including inventory management, materials coordination and transportation). Research in these areas will be conducted at the University of Twente under the supervision of prof. dr. W.H.M. Zijm, professor in Production and Supply Chain Management (and former Rector of the University of Twente). Students from Applied Mathematics or Industrial Engineering, having a firm background in quantitative methods, including models and techniques from both deterministic and stochastic Operations Research, are particularly encouraged to consult the attached brochure to see whether they fulfill the conditions necessary to apply.

The application procedure consists of two steps. In the first step, an applicant (the student) has to submit a research plan and to indicate that the Twente Graduate School is selected (out of 26 Graduate Schools listed on <http://www.ttchina.nl>) as their school of choice. Furthermore, it should be indicated that research is in the program of **Telematics and Information Technology, sub-program Industrial Engineering, under supervision of Prof. dr. W.H.M. Zijm.**

Through this letter, students are invited to submit a research proposal, as soon as the Call for Proposals is officially opened, to NWO, as indicated in the attached brochure, with the choices made as specified above. Note that in total 26 Graduate Schools in the Netherlands are involved, and that each of them (hence also the Twente Graduate School) can only admit two applicants. Also note that a maximum of 110 applicants (summed over all applications to all graduate schools) will be invited for a match-making trip to the Netherlands (costs are fully covered by the program). From these 110 applicants, eventually 54 candidates will be selected (of which two that may enroll the Twente Graduate School program).

If a student is selected, then (s)he gets a scholarship for 48 months (4 years). The student will receive 1200 Euro per month to cover all costs. Costs consist mainly of costs of housing and costs of living. Doing the PhD project within the Twente Graduate School implies that one follows PhD courses (with a total workload of 960 hours) and that one is working in an intensively supervised research environment. The language will be English.

I would like to ask you to forward this information to students who belong to the top of your school and who are interested in doing a PhD project within the Twente Graduate School, more particularly in the Industrial Engineering Group at the University of Twente in one of the domains specified above.

If you or one of your contacts wants to have further information, then please let me know. Before submitting an application, it is recommended that potential applicants contact me by mail via <mailto:w.h.m.zijm@utwente.nl>.

With kind regards,



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P.S.: Prof. dr. W.H.M. Zijm has been the Rector Magnificus (Vice-Chancellor) of the University of Twente from 2005 until 2009. In this position, he has among others taken many efforts to build up relations with universities in the People's Republic of China, resulting in a number of MoU's with Chinese universities.