

## Appendix II: Consent letter

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Dear Students,

Thank you for your participation in this research project in Sociolinguistics and Transnational Higher Education (THE). The case study on University of Hertfordshire (UH) franchised THE in Fuzhou University (FZU) is about Chinese students' affiliation to varieties of English in terms of the divergent development of *World Englishes*. It is hoped that the results of this research will be significant in THE pedagogy in the future.

I am a Chinese PhD student studying in UH and I have obtained permission from our university to use a series of methods for this research. Apart from the Questionnaire, I might need some of you for Focus Group Discussions in for individual Interviews which will be recorded.

Rest assured that the data will be used for my research only; your views will not be revealed to others. Your name will not appear on any transcription, and once the transcriptions have been done, all the recordings will be destroyed.

I greatly appreciate your collaboration and I will be very glad to send you a summary of the results if you are interested or if you so require.

If you agree to take part in this research, please sign the attached form.

With deepest thanks.

Sincerely

Xiangping Du

PhD student, University of Hertfordshire

I agree to take part in this research project and understand what my participation involves.

Signed

Date

Name in full