SFU OFFICE OF THE PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	**DATE**	June 19, 2025
FROM	Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President Academic, and Chair, SCUP	**PAGES**	1/4
RE:	Suspension of Admission to the Computing Science Dual Degree Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy (SCUP 25-39)		

At its meeting on June 18, 2025, SCUP reviewed and approved the suspension of admission to the Computing Science Dual Degree Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy.

> **Motion:** That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Computing Science Dual Degree Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Fall 2026.

C: Tianzheng Wang, Dual Degree and Partnerships Program Director, School of Computing Science, FAS
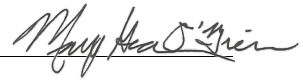
SFU FACULTY OF
GRADUATE STUDIES

MEMO

ATTENTION Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP)	
FROM Mary O'Brien, Chair of Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)	
RE Suspension of Admission: Computing Science Dual Degree MSc and PhD	
DATE June 4, 2025	

For Approval:
At its meeting on June 3, 2025, the SGSC approved the suspension of admission for the Computing Science Dual Degree MSc and PhD programs and is recommending it to SCUP for approval, effective **Spring 2026:**

Motion:
That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the program changes, effective **Spring 2026**.

Faculty of Applied Sciences
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  1) Suspension of Admission: Computing Science Dual Degree MSc
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ATTENTION	Mary Grantham O'Brien, Vice-Provost and Dean | Faculty of Graduate Studies, SGSC	**DATE**	May 28, 2025
FROM	Colin Copeland, Acting Associate Dean, Research and Graduate.	**PAGES**	1
RE:	SFU-ZJU Dual Degree MSc & PhD Program Admissions Suspension		

To: Senate of Graduate Studies Committee

The Faculty of Applied Science supports the suspension of admission in the SFU-ZJU Dual Degree MSc & PhD Programs. Please bring the temporary suspension of admission forward to SGSC for approval.

Many Thanks

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MEMO

Attention: **Colin Copeland, Associate Dean Research & Graduate Studies**

From: Manolis Savva, Graduate Program Chair
          Tianzheng Wang, Dual Degree and Parternships Program Director

Re: **SFU-ZJU Dual Degree MSc & PhD Program Admissions Suspension**

Date: May 28th, 2025

SFU-ZJU Dual Degree MSc & PhD Program Admissions Suspension

The School of Computing Science has been offering two graduate dual degree programs (GDDP) in collaboration with Zhejiang University (ZJU), at the MSc and PhD levels. These two programs have historically recruited highly capable students who have excelled academically and continued to research-intensive positions in industry and academia.

Logistical challenges during the COVID pandemic have introduced some challenges to the operation of these programs in a coordinated manner between ZJU and SFU. Moreover, the current calendar curriculum does not fully comply with SFU's new requirements for 30 credits in MSc degrees. Discussions with ZJU have been ongoing regarding updates and adjustments to the GDDP agreement to strengthen and renew the programs. Meanwhile, the existing agreement with ZJU has lapsed.

While the discussions on a renewal of the agreement are ongoing, the School of Computing Science has suspended admission to the GDDP programs. Current students in the program will continue to be supported towards degree completion. The two GDDP program websites have been updated to indicate that "This program is not currently admitting new students." We recommend that similar language be posted on the SFU Calendar entries for the two programs.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please let us know.

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Manolis Savva   Tianzheng Wang
Graduate Program Chair   DDP Director
School of Computing Science   School of Computing Science