CAS-TWAS Fellowships for Postdoctoral Research in China

Application form
(To be typewritten in English)

Send THREE copies of the application form and enclosures to:

TWAS Beijing Office
Bureau of International Cooperation
Chinese Academy of Sciences
52 Sanlihe Road
Beijing 100864, China

Phone: +86-10-68597531
Fax: +86-10-68597543
E-mail: sqfu@cashq.ac.cn
Website: www.casbic.ac.cn/english.htm

and ONE copy of the completed application form and enclosures to:

TWAS Fellowships Office
c/o The Abdus Salam Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)
Strada Costiera 11
34014 Trieste, Italy

Phone: +39-040-2240314
Fax: +39-040-224559
E-mail: fellowships@twas.org

Deadline: 31 August of each year
Notification of awards: February of the following year

NB: Incomplete/unsigned applications will NOT be accepted. This also applies to submissions by fax and electronic mail which must include all enclosures and be signed (either digitally or by including a scanned signature).
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The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Beijing, China - www.cas.ac.cn/english - and the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World [formerly Third World Academy of Sciences] (TWAS), Trieste, Italy, have agreed to offer up to fifteen fellowships per year to scientists from developing countries (other than China) who wish to pursue postdoctoral research in natural sciences.

CAS is the highest academic institution and national comprehensive R & D center in natural sciences and high-tech innovation in China. CAS also serves as the supreme national advisory body on science and technology. CAS has 5 academic divisions, 11 local branches, 84 research institutes, 3 universities or colleges distributed all over the country, with a total of 37,000 professional staff and over 20,000 mobile staff.

TWAS, an autonomous international organization founded in Trieste, Italy in 1983, represents the best of science in the developing world. Its principal aim is to promote scientific capacity and excellence for sustainable development in the South. Since 1986 TWAS has supported scientific research and capacity building projects in over 100 countries in the South.

Programme Details
• The CAS-TWAS Postdoctoral fellowships will be tenable at research institutions of the Chinese Academy of Sciences for a maximum period of twelve months.
• CAS will cover food, accommodation, emergency medical aid, in addition the international travel (return economy class fare by shortest route) will be covered by TWAS.
• The fellowships do not include provisions for accompanying family members.
• Successful applicants must not take up other assignments during the period of their fellowships.

Eligibility
Applicants for these fellowships must meet the following criteria:
• be a maximum age of 40 years on 31 December of the application year;
• hold a Ph.D degree in one of the fields of natural sciences;
• be nationals of a developing country (other than China);
• be regularly employed at a research and/or teaching institution in their home country where they must hold a research assignment;
• provide evidence that they will return to their home country upon completion of the fellowship.

Guidelines for completion of form
• From the list of 32 CAS institutes below, applicants should select a maximum of three host institutes where they wish to do postdoctoral research.
• The final decision concerning the host institute will be made by CAS in consultation with TWAS.
• Applicants are encouraged to make advance contact with the institute of their choice to make appropriate enquiries.

Important
• The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 August of each year.
• Incomplete/unsigned applications will NOT be accepted. This also applies to submissions by fax and electronic mail which must include all enclosures and be signed (either digitally or by including a scanned signature).
• Applications will ONLY be acknowledged when processed.
• Successful candidates will be notified by February of the year following the application.

• Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science, CAS (www.amms.ac.cn)
• Centre for Space Science and Applied Research, CAS (www.cssar.ac.cn)
• Cold and Arid Regions Environmental and Engineering Research Institute, CAS (www.licp.ac.cn)
• Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, CAS (www.gscas.ac.cn)
• Hefei Institutes of Physical Science, CAS (www.hecas.ac.cn)
• Institute of Atmospheric Physics, CAS (www.iap.ac.cn)
• Institute of Automation, CAS (www.ia.ac.cn)
• Institute of Biophysics, CAS (www.ibp.ac.cn)
• Institute of Botany, CAS (www.ibcas.ac.cn)
• Institute of Chemistry, CAS (www.iccasm.ac.cn)
• Institute of Computing Technology, CAS (www.ict.ac.cn)
• Institute of Geology and Geophysics, CAS (www.igcas.ac.cn)
• Institute of Hydrobiology, CAS (www.ihb.ac.cn)
• Institute of Metals Research, CAS (www.imr.ac.cn)
• Institute of Microbiology, CAS (www.im.ac.cn)
• Institute of Modern Physics, CAS (www.impcas.ac.cn)
• Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment, CAS (www.imde.ac.cn)
• Institute of Oceanology, CAS (www.qdio.ac.cn)
• Institute of Physics, CAS (www.iphy.ac.cn)
• Institute of Process Engineering, CAS (www.ipcm.ac.cn)
• Institute of Remote Sensing Application, CAS (www.irsa.ac.cn)
• Institute of Software, CAS (www.is.ac.cn)
• Institute of Theoretical Physics, CAS (www.itp.ac.cn)
• Institute of Zoology, CAS (www.iz.ac.cn)
• Nanjing Institute of Soil Science, CAS (www.issas.ac.cn)
• National Astronomical Observatories of China, CAS (www.bao.ac.cn)
• Research Centre for Eco-Environmental Sciences, CAS (www.icees.ac.cn)
• Shanghai Institute for Biological Sciences, CAS (www.sibs.ac.cn)
• Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics, CAS (www.siom.ac.cn)
• Shenyang Institute of Applied Ecology, CAS (www.iiae.ac.cn)
• The University of Science and Technology of China, CAS (www.ustc.ac.cn)
• Xijiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, CAS (www.xjb.ac.cn)
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**Referees:** Names and addresses of two senior scientists familiar with applicant’s work (their reference letters must be enclosed).

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**Other academic travel abroad in the last three years**

**International travel** (please attach quotation for an economy class air ticket)

Route

Total cost of fare:

Anticipated length of stay:

From:

To:

**Accompanying dependents** (NB: The fellowships do not provide support for family members)

Name

Relationship:

Period of stay:

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS**  Please provide evidence of sufficient knowledge of English

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### PROJECT INFORMATION
Purpose of visit and outline of research project. Please use another sheet of paper.

### Briefly explain how the intended research will help in your career development

### Supporting statement from the head/director of the applicant’s home institute

Name and SURNAME (please print)  
Signature  
Date

### Applicant’s acceptance of conditions governing the CAS-TWAS Fellowships for Postdoctoral Research in China

I herewith declare to accept the terms and conditions governing these fellowships. Moreover, I confirm that I shall return to my home country upon completion of my fellowship in China.

Signature  
Date

### ENCLOSURES
Important: Ensure that all relevant enclosures are included with the completed application form!

- [ ] Passport size photograph
- [ ] Curriculum Vitae
- [ ] List of Publications (do not send papers)
- [ ] Airfare quotation
- [ ] Two reference letters in sealed envelopes
- [ ] Outline of research work