Call for Applications for the International Visiting Student Program of the Chinese Academy of Sciences

I. Target Audience and Timeline

This program is open to outstanding foreign graduate students currently enrolled in top global universities and first-class international research institutions. It sponsors their participation in medium- to short-term academic visits and collaborative research activities lasting 1-6 months at CAS-affiliated research institutes or universities. The first phase plans to sponsor 100 students in total. The visit must be a single trip to China and cannot be split into two or more visits. The duration of the visit is 1-6 months and should, in principle, be completed before June 30, 2026.

Application Deadline is April 23, 2025.

II. Funding Standards

Each international visiting student will receive a monthly stipend of RMB 10,000 to cover accommodation, domestic transportation, and living allowances during their stay in China. Additionally, a one-time travel subsidy of RMB 10,000 will be provided for international visiting students.

III. Organizational Management

The host CAS institutes and affiliated universities are responsible for organizing and recommending the project, supervising its implementation.

The project leader, who must be a current employee of the host institute/university, is responsible for submitting the funding application on behalf of the international visiting student. They should provide study and office spaces, equip them with computers, internet access, office supplies, and access to major libraries, and assist the student in smoothly carrying out their studies and daily life in China. They are also responsible for providing the visiting student with an invitation letter, visa information, and other necessary details. Within 30 days after the visit concludes, they must submit a summary report.

IV. Application Documents

- 1. The International Visiting Student Application Form in both Chinese and English (with signatures in person or clear electronic signatures where required);
 - 2. A recent passport-style photo of the visiting student;
 - 3. A scanned copy of the visiting student's passport identification page;
 - 4. A collaborative research plan (in English);
 - 5. The visiting student's resume (in English);
 - 6. A recommendation letter from the Chinese collaborator (in Chinese);
- 7. A recommendation letter from a foreign professor (including the master's/Ph.D. supervisor or the PI of the current research group).