

## **Call description**

*The **ICGEB-DIC-MOST International Fellowship Programme (IFP)** offers competitive Short-term Fellowships in Life Sciences to highly motivated scientists from eligible ICGEB Member States wishing to pursue postgraduate research in China. The Programme supports the mobility of researchers to prestigious Chinese laboratories for a period of 6 or 12 months, to benefit from the expertise and technologies available in the receiving laboratories.*

**Deadline for Applications: 30 September 2019**

## **Guidelines for Application**

### ***Programme scope***

The International Fellowship Programme (IFP) is a new initiative launched by the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) and the Department of International Cooperation of the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (DIC-MOST). The IFP Call is managed by the China National Center for Biotechnology Development (CNCBD) with the support of the ICGEB.

The IFP is aimed at promoting the training of scientists and researchers in developing countries and emerging economies, particularly in Asia, Africa and countries involved in the Belt and Road initiatives. The Programme supports short-term fellowships of scientists from eligible ICGEB Member States in these regions as listed below (see Eligibility section) to prestigious Chinese laboratories as a way of enhancing skill development, acquiring specific hands-on training in technologies available in the receiving laboratory and increasing bilateral cooperation in science and technology between China and the relevant ICGEB Member State.

The list of Chinese Partnering Institutes including a short description of hosting Research Groups is available at this link: [IFP - Partnering Institutes in China](#). Partnering Institutes in China have been identified among suitable internationally-oriented high quality research centers. Each Partnering Institute has signed a Partnership Agreement with the CNCBD outlining obligations towards fellows and scholarship administration.

### ***How to apply***

As a first step, applicants should contact the Principal Investigators (PI) in the Partnering Institute of their choice to define together the research project proposal that will be submitted for evaluation. Applications should outline the impact for the fellow's career, the benefit to the home laboratory and the suitability of the receiving laboratory. Proposed projects should show clear evidence of strong collaborative potential between the originating laboratory and the Chinese laboratory of destination.

The Partnering Institute shall provide the applicant with a "work consent" letter to state its willingness and capacity to host the fellow (both in terms of available laboratory space and administrative/logistics/insurance obligations undertaken). The "work consent" declaration should be submitted by the applicant as part of her/his application documents.

The application is to be completed on-line according to the guidelines and application form below by the deadline of 30 September 2019.

### ***Eligibility***

As per the rules of the "Young Talented Scientist Program" funded by the Chinese MOST, the Call is open exclusively to nationals of the following countries:

Europe: Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia

Africa: Algeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Sudan, Nigeria, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania

Asia: Bangladesh, India, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam

Middle East: Iran, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey

Central America & Caribbean: Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Panama

South America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

Applicants should have received a Ph.D. degree; in case of equal scientific merit, preference is given to applicants with postdoctoral experience.

Applicants wish to spend 6 or 12 months at a partnering research institute in China (link to [Partnering Institutes](#)).

No age limit applies. However, in case of equal scientific merit, preference is given to younger and/or female scientists.

### ***Terms and benefits***

Fellowships are awarded for periods of 6 or 12 months. Any requests for alternative durations will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The fellowships cover the stipends of the fellows and are awarded in the context of the Chinese "Talented Young Scientist Program". The funding standard is fixed at a monthly stipend of 12,500 RMB Yuan (approximately 2,000 USD/month before tax) to cover the cost of housing and living expenses. The fellowship stipend will be paid through bank transfer directly to the bank account of the Partnering Institute where the fellow works. Travel costs are not covered by the fellowship. Travel expenses shall be borne by the fellow or by the Partnering Institute, to be agreed.

The Partnering Institute in China will provide health insurance, adequate laboratory space and set up, as well as laboratory consumables and assist

the fellows with visa/permit of stay procedures and any necessary administrative issue. Partnering Institutes will also provide support to the fellows for accommodation and logistics.

**The IFP is funded in the context of the “Talented Young Scientist Program” financed by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST). The rules of the Program will apply.**

**The ICGEB/CNCBD cannot make financial provision, or provide any administrative support for family members wishing to accompany successful applicants.**

### ***Selection procedure***

The ICGEB Fellowships Selection Committee will evaluate complete applications received by the closing date and shortlist the best candidates on the basis of scientific merit. Final selections will then be made by the CNCBD Selection Committee and the China Science and Technology Exchange Center (CSTEC).

**The final decision on awards will be taken by the CNCBD/CSTEC according to national priorities based on the shortlist of candidates provided by the ICGEB.**

CNCBD will notify both selected and rejected candidates by e-mail as soon as the selection procedure is concluded.

## ONLINE APPLICATION FORM – CONTENTS

\* **Mandatory fields**

**Surname\*** ...

**First name\*** ...

**Postal address\*** ...

**E-mail\*** ...

**Tel\*** ...

**Fax** ...

**Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)\*** ...

**Age\*** ...

**Sex** M/F

**Place of birth\*** ...

**Nationality\*** ...

**Current laboratory/Institute of Origin (if applicable):**

**Partnering Institute:** \* *Names of Partner Institutes to be marked*

**Research Group \*** ...

*See: link to partnering institutes/research groups*

**Please indicate the preferred duration of the fellowship\***

*6 months / 12 months / other duration*

**Proposed starting date\*** ...

**Additional information** (*attachments to be uploaded*)

**Research project\***

*Proposed research project and timetable (max. 3 pages, plus up to 2 pages of bibliographical references and figures)*

**Curriculum Vitae\***

*Curriculum Vitae and list of publications*

**PhD degree certificate \***

*PhD degree certificate, issued by the degree-granting University and bearing the official seal/s and signatures, should be submitted in the original language accompanied by English translation.*

**Work consent\***

*Work consent from the Partnering Institute/Principal Investigator contacted by the applicant stating his/her willingness to support the fellow's research project and provide all necessary laboratory space, equipment and facilities.*

**English language certificate (if available)**

*English language proficiency certificate (such as TOEFL, Cambridge Certificate or equivalent); not required when scholastic education has been undertaken in English.*

**Passport photocopy\***

*Photocopy of the applicant's passport*

**References\***

*Name and contact details of two (2) people who can provide a letter of reference. At least one of these should be a member of the University or College attended most recently by the candidate. Referees are requested to send their letters by email to [china.IFP@icgeb.org](mailto:china.IFP@icgeb.org) by the application closing date. The subject of the e-mail should be: "ICGEB-DIC-MOST International Fellowship Programme", followed by the applicant name.*

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ICGEB Liaison Officer

MOST-DIC website

CNCBD website

My supervisor

My institute

Principal Investigator

Other (please specify):

**Check the mandatory fields to ensure information has been correctly inserted. Once you have completed and submitted your application, a confirmation message will be displayed on the screen. Should this message not be visible, PLEASE NOTE that your application has not been submitted. Within 2 weeks from receipt of your application, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from the ICGEB Fellowships Office ([china.IFP@icgeb.org](mailto:china.IFP@icgeb.org)) confirming that all requested documents have been provided and verified.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered/processed.**

***Thank you for your interest in the  
ICGEB-DIC-MOST International Fellowship Programme!***