



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME CHINA (STF CHINA)

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The Programme

The Science & Technology Fellowship Programme China (STF China), 2008-2011, is designed to build bridges between the European Union and China in the Science & Technology domain. It promotes the mobility of EU researchers towards the Chinese research and development area.

STF China aims to successfully develop and sustain meaningful and long-lasting links and research partnerships between EU and Chinese research institutions.

The strategy of STF China is to provide young qualified EU researchers with the linguistic and intercultural skills to benefit from practical research experience with top-notch Chinese research and scientific organisations.

STF Fellows are expected to acquire unique "insider knowledge", through their participation in research programmes in Chinese institutions, on how Chinese research works. At the same time the presence in Chinese research establishments of EU scientists with a good level of Chinese language skills could have welcome, positive spin-off effects in such important areas as knowledge about and understanding of intellectual property rights.

The STF China offers 30 researchers from EU member states:

- 2 days briefing in Brussels prior to their departure to China
- 6-month tailor-made Chinese language and research culture training in Beijing
- 18-month practical research period in a Chinese host organisation
- Numerous networking opportunities and events for STF Fellows as well as with other Chinese and European researchers in China

Who is eligible to apply for the fellowship?

- citizens of one of the 27 EU Member States
- having either a post-graduate university degree (M.A., MSc or equivalent) and minimum two years of practical research experience OR holding a doctoral degree
- having prepared a research project that will be carried out in the People's Republic of China during the practical research period
- being supported by an EU sending organisation AND a Chinese host institution for their practical research

Note: No specific Chinese language skills are required to apply.

Research

STF China welcomes research proposals from all disciplines. The subject of the research project, including interdisciplinary topics should further the participant's competence in a certain area and be of strong interest for the EU

sending and Chinese host institution alike as well as. The applicant's research proposal should concentrate on fields of research of particular relevance for the European Union's policies and dialogues with the People's Republic of China. This applies to the following titles of the 10 general fields covered by the programme:

- Health
- Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Biotechnology
- Information & communication technologies (ICT)
- Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials & new production technologies
- Energy
- Environment (including climate change)
- Transport (including aeronautics)
- Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
- Space
- Security

European Sending Organisation

All STF China Fellows shall have a sending organisation, i.e. any EU public or private scientific or research & development institution that supports the participant whilst being in the People's Republic of China. The sending organisation can be:

- Any EU public or private legal entity which carries out research activities.

Chinese Host Organisation

The Fellows shall have a host institution in the People's Republic of China in which to carry out the research project during the practical research. The applicant's proposed hosting institution may be

- Any Chinese public or private legal entity which carries out research activities

The first intake of STF China – a success story

Without prior track record STF China was able to attract and select an outstanding group of 30 excellent young European researchers that were keen to start their fellowship on 01 April 2009. Coming from 12 EU Member States, the STF Fellows will do research in a wide variety of disciplines and are hosted by top-notch Chinese academic institutions from several provinces. Some of China's most distinguished scientific establishments such as Peking University, Tsinghua and Chinese Academy of Sciences etc. are hosting the first edition of STF Fellows.

!!! Second intake Call for Proposals is open now !!!

The call for proposals for the 2nd intake is open now, and the period of application has been extended until 4 January, 2010, in order to make sure that qualified researchers from all member states can apply for this programme. Please check our website www.euchinastf.eu for more details. The second intake (STF2) will start on 1st June, 2010.

