

Overview

王宽诚教育基金会

Value of the Programme: ≤ 119,000 €

Number of fellowships : 2

Hosting labs: **French CNRS units**

CHINA: CNRS - K.C. Wong Education Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships

developing structuring actions with China (IRP, IRN, IRL...Ex LIA, GDRI, UMI...)

Disciplines: all, except Humanities & Social Sciences and Industrial Sciences

Call opening date: 22-05-2023

Application deadline: 15-07-2023

Application form: See application procedure

Eligibility: **mainland China candidates** employed by a scientific or academic institution in China

2023 CALL FOR CANDIDATES



1 - Framework

The K.C. Wong Education Foundation was founded in Hong Kong in 1985. Its objectives are to promote and advance education at all levels in China. In furtherance of these aims the Foundation has awarded fellowships for Chinese scholars to advance research outside China, including the CNRS laboratories in France.

To further enhance the advancement of Chinese scholars in France, the K. C. Wong Education Foundation (KCWEF) in cooperation with the CNRS has established a fellowship scheme, to be known as :

*The CNRS – K. C. Wong Postdoctoral Fellowships
("the Fellowships")*

The agreement jointly signed by CNRS and The K. C. Wong Education Foundation on the 21 April, 2015 provides funding for two 12-month-long postdoctoral fellowships. The fellowship scheme is administrated by CNRS. After 2022, the 9th call takes place in 2023 (for a start of stay in France in the 1st quarter of 2024)

2 - Eligibility and conditions

- **Call is exclusively aimed at candidates living in mainland China** who wish to come to CNRS. Chinese scholarship holders currently in France who are seeking to extend their stay are not eligible to apply.

- **Younger post-docs** are preferred. **2 years-experience max at the beginning of the internship.**

- **Applicants should be scientists of post-doctoral level** or equivalent status who are employed by a scientific or academic institution in mainland China, or who have confirmed employment with such institutions after the completion of their Fellowship.

- **It is essential that applicants have a good command of spoken and written English.**

NB: some knowledge of French will be useful for the everyday life.

- **Disciplines covered:** all, except humanities and social sciences as well as industrial sciences.

- **Hosting CNRS units focus:** French CNRS research units (UMR) developing "structuring actions" (IRL, IRN, IRP) with China. Current UMR (i.e. CNRS units involved in a "structuring actions") hosting the 2022 laureates are not prioritized for 2023 call.

3 - Application procedure

- **Application should be submitted by the intended hosting CNRS lab supervisor to "Bureau du CNRS en Chine"**, i.e. the head of the CNRS "structuring action" (IRP, IRN, IRL)

- **Application includes the following documents**

- (a) a full **résumé** with all publications and **professional experiences**

- (b) a **supporting statement** from the applicant's employer or head of department giving approval for absence abroad. The statement must include a confirmation that the laureate will be provided with a research position after his postdoc in CNRS.

- (c) a passport-sized **photograph**

- (d) a **letter of invitation** signed by the CNRS hosting lab supervisor including a **400 word description** of the intended candidate post-doc work (scientific program).

4 - Prospective timetable

- (a) Application deadline : **15 July 2023**

- (b) Short list of qualified candidates : **31 September 2023 (tentative)**

- (c) Final decision : **30 October 2023 (tentative)**

- (d) Expected start of the post doctoral contract : **March 2024**

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Description of structuring actions in China :

- **CNRS Cooperation with China** : [in French](#)

- **CNRS in China** : [CNRS Beijing Office](#) ; [CNRS in China Magazine](#)

- **CNRS International Cooperation** : [CNRS](#)

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China: Major Scientific Partner of CNRS in Asia

Co-operating with China since 1978

- China makes **4.6%** of CNRS intl co-publications (**rank 6th**)
- CAS is the **3rd** international collaborators with CNRS (Nature Index, 2022)
- **100+** joint projects in all fields
- **24** integrated co-operative actions (IRL, IRN, IRP, Plateformes) - (2023)
- **1 491** Chinese PhD & **134** Postdocs in CNRS labs (2018)
- **1 591** CNRS scientists visit China (2019)

About the French National Center for Scientific Research

The largest European scientific institution

- **33 000** Employees, including **28 900** researchers and engineers ITA
- Budget : **€3.8 billions** (2021)
- **1100+** Laboratories, all disciplines covered

World's top 100 innovators

- **8th** of the 25 most innovative public organizations in the world
- **6th** largest patent filer in France (Inpi 2020)
- **4th** in the *Nature Index Ranking (2022)*
- **3nd** in *Scimago Institution Ranking (2023)*
- **63 318** Scientific publications including 59.7% with a foreign lab (Scopus, 2022)
- **~100** Startups generated each year
- **~80** International research laboratories (2021)
- **92** new CNRS talents in 2021

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