

Letter of Understanding
on the exchange of scientists
between
The Danish Rectors' Conference
and
The Chinese Academy of Sciences

The Danish Rectors' Conference and The Chinese Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as DRC and CAS) have agreed as follows:

article 1

DRC and CAS will on a basis of mutual benefit, promote and support co-operation in basic and applied sciences between scientists and scientific institutions in the respective countries. The co-operation will be carried out through the exchange of Ph.D. students, postdoctoral researchers and senior scientists in fields of natural and technological sciences.

article 2

Scientist exchanges may be conducted under two program categories:

a) Ph.D. and postdoctoral fellowship program

This program is aimed at providing opportunities for young Chinese and Danish researchers to conduct co-operation research with leading research groups in universities and research institutes in the counterpart countries, thereby contributing to the advancement of research through close collaboration, while stimulating the individual scientist's development through exposure to different concepts and research techniques.

b) Short-term scientist exchange program

This program is aimed at providing opportunities for senior Chinese and Danish scientists to conduct co-operation research, create closer contact among each other, and advance their research by participating in discussions, exchanging ideas and information, addressing and attending seminars, and conducting joint research programs while stimulating academic research at Ph.D. level in both countries, and encouraging scientists of both sides to explore other possible funding resources to develop joint research programs.

article 3

The number and length of such exchanges will be as follows:

a) Ph.D. and postdoctoral fellowship program

Such visits, depending on the availability of necessary funds, should be discussed case by case through communications between the two parties, in principle, 12 months for post doc fellows and 6 to 12 months for Ph.D. students.

b) Short-term scientist exchange program

Not more than 3 senior scientists for periods of 14 to 30 days per year.

article 4

Eligibility for such exchanges will be as follows:

a) Ph.D. and postdoctoral fellowship program

Ph.D. students must be matriculated as Ph.D. students in their home country. Post doc's must hold a doctorate degree/Ph.D. degree at the time their fellowship goes into effect, which doctorate degree/Ph.D. degree must have been received within five years of the first day of the receiving side's fiscal year in which the fellowship commences.

b) Short-term scientist exchange program

Candidates for this program must be senior researchers affiliated with a university or research institute approved by the sending side.

c) Chinese host scientists for Danish visitors and Chinese candidates for visits to Denmark must be affiliated with institutes of CAS.

d) Danish host scientists for Chinese visitors and Danish candidates for visits to China must be from member institutions of DRC or approved by DRC.

article 5

The sending side will nominate candidates and refer them for review to the receiving side. The receiving side will notify the sending side whether or not the candidates are accepted.

article 6

Program-related expenses will be born as follows:

The sending side will pay the cost of the fellow's international transportation between the two countries, and the receiving side will provide him/her with a maintenance allowance and domestic travel allowance. Both sides will discuss to reach mutual consent of financial arrangements for those visits which will need more expenses than usual visits.

article 7

The details of the procedural and financial arrangements and other necessary matters concerning the implementation of this Letter of Understanding are provided in the Details for Implementation.

article 8

The implementation of the Letter of Understanding shall be under continuous monitoring. Yearly reports about activities supported under this Letter of Understanding shall be exchanged between CAS and DRC.

article 9

Any changes in or supplements to this Letter of Understanding shall be proposed either through an exchange of letters or at a meeting between CAS and DRC, and will be adopted only upon mutual consent.

article 10

This Letter of Understanding shall become effective from the date of signature by both parties and will be reviewed every five years thereafter. The Letter of Understanding will continue to be valid until either side notify the other of its intention to terminate it, in which case any existing programs will be brought to an orderly conclusion. This notification shall be made at least one year in advance of the termination.

This Letter of Understanding has been concluded in two original copies in English, both equally authentic.

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