2015 Visiting Fellowship to the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

Call for applications for travel in 2015

Applications close Wednesday 13 May 2015

Flinders University supports an exchange program of short Visiting Fellowships with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in Beijing. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are currently conducting, or who wish to conduct, research in China, on Chinese topics or on areas of common interest with Chinese researchers. CASS is Asia’s top think tank comprising almost 4000 researchers funded by the Chinese government.

There are many and varied opportunities for researchers in China, and this program provides useful support allowing scholars to spend a short time in China advancing their research. The fully funded exchange is usually for three weeks each for two scholars, but could be for six weeks for one scholar.

The program aims are:

- Opportunity for access to research and research materials (for example, data collection) not easily accessible outside China.
- Collaboration between Australian and Chinese scholars including the development of joint research projects with CASS scholars.
- Development of networks of scholars with related interests within and between the two countries including the top scholars in China.

Eligibility criteria:

Applicants must be:

- Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia; and
- A member of staff of Flinders University employed under academic employment conditions at Level A or above, at a minimum of 0.5 FTE, in a continuing position or on fixed-term contract covering the period of the Fellowship.

Applicants are required to complete the application form including:

- Details of their relevant research interests and publications;
- A two-page Research Plan of the research the applicant intends to undertake in China, and the outcomes expected, including high quality publications;
- Specify which Institute within CASS will be an appropriate primary host, including a letter of confirmation from the host institute, and other institutions they wish to visit. (For a list of CASS institutes see http://casseng.cssn.cn/organizations/).

Assessment:

The Flinders University selection committee will make recommendations to CASS, which considers and makes the final selection of successful applicants.
**Reports of past visits:**
We already have significant ties with China (for example, the Nankai program) and this exchange program allows a further development of relationships and collaboration. Our past Flinders visitors have found this program extraordinarily useful. Some reports of past visits are available on the Faculty SBS Research web site.

**Funding:**
- The Visiting Fellowship allows for two people to visit China, each visit for three weeks, or alternatively, for one person to visit China for six weeks – any visit to be to no more than two cities.
- The Faculty of the successful applicant is responsible for paying the international travelling expenses to and from Beijing. CASS will pay the costs for accommodation, daily living expenses and local transport when in China.

See the guidelines and application form attached, or download from http://flinders.edu.au/sabs/research/faculty-funding/

Please send your application to mary.lyons@flinders.edu.au