**附件2**

**Call for the 2026 CAS President’s International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI)**

**To all CAS-affiliated research institutes and universities,**

**In accordance with *the Measures for the Administration of CAS President’s International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI) and its Detailed Implementation Rules*, the 2026 CAS President’s International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI) is now open for applications in four categories: PIFI Distinguished Scientist, PIFI Visiting Scientist, PIFI Group, and PIFI Expert.**

**Annex: Application Requirements**

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**Annex**

**2026 CAS President’s International Fellowship Initiative**

**Application Requirements**

**A. Eligibility**

1. The host institution must be an institute or university affiliated to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) with the legal person status of a public institution.

2. The CAS host researcher must be a full-time staff member of the host institution, with an activated account on the CAS PIFI website and a complete CV in English.

Applications will not be accepted if the CAS host researcher has any PIFI projects that should have been concluded but remain unfinished, or any PIFI projects with unresolved closure procedures.

3. Foreign experts must be currently employed by (or retired from) a foreign institution, with no existing employment relationship with CAS.

If foreign experts have already been funded under the PIFI Group category at their host institution, the host institution shall not apply for them additional PIFI projects during the funding period.

**B. How to Apply**

1. Applications must be submitted by CAS host researchers via the ARP system. Paper applications will not be accepted. Application route: International Cooperation - President's International Fellowship Initiative - PIFI - Application Filing - New Application. Upload all required attachments as specified.

2. Foreign experts may submit applications and attachments via the PIFI website (https://pifi.cas.cn/). Application route: My PIFI - Login - My Application.

3. Applications are considered valid only upon submission via the ARP system by CAS host researchers.

**C. Institute-level Review**

The CAS-affiliated research institutes and universities are required to conduct a preliminary check of all materials and eligibility per management regulations and submit those approved applications to the Bureau of International Cooperation of CAS.

**D. Review, Approval and Implementation**

1. Applications are accepted all year round, with peer reviews conducted in March, June and September. Approved applications will be announced within one month after review and can be implemented immediately.

2. The PIFI Distinguished Scientist and PIFI Visiting Scientist categories shall be implemented by December 31, 2026, with final reports submitted.

The PIFI Group category shall be implemented by December 31, 2028, with final reports approved by peer reviews.

The CAS-affiliated research institutes and universities are required to recruit PIFI Experts within 10 months of approval. The project shall be implemented by December 31, 2028, with final reports approved by peer reviews.

**E. Materials Required for Application**

**1. PIFI Distinguished Scientist and PIFI Visiting Scientist**

(1) English application form signed by the foreign expert;

(2) Recent ID photo of the foreign expert;

(3) Scanned copy of the foreign expert's passport;

(4) Letter of Commitment signed by the CAS host researcher;

(5) Optional submissions: (1) Plans for visits and exchanges/collaborative research; (2) Recommendation letter; (3) Proof of the foreign expert’s academic achievements, publications, awards, etc.;

(6) For PIFI Visiting Scientists who are eligible for the further funding, the application route via the ARP system is as follows: International Cooperation - President's International Fellowship Initiative - PIFI - Application Filing - New Application - PIFI Visiting Scientist Renewal.

**2. PIFI Group**

(1) The profile of the foreign team;

(2) Recent ID photo of the foreign team leader;

(3) Scanned copy of the foreign team leader's passport;

(4) Letter of Commitment signed by the CAS host researcher;

(5) Optional submissions: (1) Plans for visits and exchanges/collaborative research; (2) Proof of the foreign team’s academic achievements, publications, awards, etc.

**3. PIFI Expert**

(1) Letter of Commitment signed by the CAS host researcher;

(2) Optional submissions: Proof of the CAS host researcher’s academic achievements, publications, awards, etc.

**F. Remote Implementation**

For projects to be implemented abroad, CAS host researchers are required to submit a Necessity, Feasibility and Risk Assessment Report.