

Annex 1

Requirements on the Application of 2025 CAS President's International Fellowship Initiative

I. Application Acceptance

1. How to apply

Project leaders: Applications are submitted through the International Cooperation module of the ARP system by project leaders. Paper applications are not accepted. Application filing path: International Cooperation - PIFI - Application Filing - Add, and upload relevant attachments as required.

Foreign experts: The application form and relevant attachments should be submitted through the PIFI official website (<https://pifi.cas.cn/>) by foreign experts. Application filing path: My PIFI - Login - My Application.

Please note that after foreign experts have completed the application form and attachment submission through the PIFI official website, project leaders can input the email address of foreign experts when filing in the ARP system to link their application information.

2. Prerequisites for application

Project leaders who have not activated their accounts on the CAS PIFI platform (<https://pifi.cas.cn>) or completed their English CVs must first complete the relevant operations before submitting their PIFI applications through the ARP system. For information on how to activate the account

and username, please contact the PIFI management staff of your institute or university.

After consulting the international cooperation and personnel department of the institute or university, the project leader shall submit a *Letter of Commitment for CAS President's International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI)* (see attached 1).

If the project leader has a PIFI project on which the final report should be submitted but has not yet been submitted, or still has a PIFI project on which the final report has not been concluded, this PIFI application will not be accepted for the time being.

3. Institute level review

The PIFI management department of CAS-affiliated research institutes and universities shall, in accordance with relevant requirements of the Measures for the Administration of CAS President's International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI) and the Rules for the Organization and Implementation, conduct a preliminary examination of all the applications and submit them to the Bureau of International Cooperation of CAS.

4. Project approval and execution

The application is open throughout the year, and the review is conducted at three times, in March, June and September. The project approval results are announced within one month after the review, and implementation will commence in accordance with the project implementation instructions once the results are announced.

Those of PIFI Distinguish Scientists and PIFI Visiting Scientists shall be completed before December 31, 2025. The PIFI Group shall be completed by December 31, 2027. PIFI Experts shall be recruited within 10 months after approval, and generally completed before December 31, 2027.

II. Materials requirements

1. PIFI Distinguished Scientist and PIFI Visiting Scientist

①Application form signed by the foreign expert (see attached 2); ②A recent passport-sized digital photo of the foreign expert (in color); ③ Scanned copy of the first page of the foreign expert's passport, detailing personal information; ④Letter of Commitment signed by the project leader.

Optional: ⑤Plans for visit and exchange/cooperation and research; ⑥A recommendation letter; ⑦ Documents proving the academic level, scientific achievements, awards and honors of the foreign expert.

Path for PIFI Visiting Scientist who is eligible for the renewal of funding:
International Cooperation - PIFI - Application Filling - Renewal

2. PIFI Group

①The profile of the foreign team; ②A recent passport-sized digital photo of the foreign team leader (in color); ③Scanned copy of the first page of team leader's passport, detailing the personal information of the foreign team leader; ④Letter of Commitment signed by the project leader.

Optional: ⑤Plans for visit and exchange/cooperation and research; ⑥ Documents proving the academic level, scientific achievements, awards and honors of the foreign team and their leader.

3.PIFI Expert

①Letter of Commitment signed by the project leader.

Optional: Documents proving the academic level, scientific achievements, awards and honors of the project leader.

III. Oversea execution

In principle, no more projects will be approved for oversea execution due to the pandemic.

For projects that must be implemented oversea, a feasibility and risk assessment statement should be submitted in accordance with the requirements of the "Notice of the Bureau of International Cooperation on the Issuance of the Guidance on the Remote Execution of PIFI".