

Collaboration between the Helmholtz Association and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS): Mobility and Event Offers

The Helmholtz Association invites applications for mobility scholarships covering research stays at institutes of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) to initiate or expand collaboration between Helmholtz centers and institutions in China in the fields of energy, climate, health, and large-scale equipment/ research infrastructures. Both existing and potentially new partnerships between Helmholtz centers and CAS institutes are addressed. This measure is aimed at intensifying exchange with selected CAS institutes and at increasing China expertise within the Helmholtz Association.

1. PIFI Program (President's International Fellowship Initiative): For the year 2025, CAS offers ten mobility scholarships for both early-career and established researchers who wish to stay at a CAS institute in China for a flexible duration of up to nine months. The stays must begin this year, but can extend beyond 2025. All accommodation costs are covered by CAS. Usually, CAS selects PIFI fellows in a standardized procedure. With these mobility scholarships, however, CAS provides the Helmholtz Association with the opportunity to directly send ten researchers to China. Further information about the PIFI program can be found in the attached document: ([President's International Fellowship Initiative](#)).

2. Mobility Scholarships for Doctoral Researchers: CAS also offers ten mobility scholarships to doctoral researchers for stays of up to six months at a CAS institute in China in 2025. The accommodation costs in the amount of RMB 10,000 per month (approx. EUR 1350), including travel costs, are covered by the respective CAS host institute

Selection of Candidates for the Two Mobility Scholarship Programs:

Interested researchers from KIT are requested to submit the following application documents:

- CV and publication list of the candidate
- Application letter, including motivation and details on the planned duration and objectives of the stay (max. one page)
- Support or confirmation letter by the CAS host institute¹

Please coordinate your project with the management of the respective institute before applying.

Interested researchers from KIT are requested to mail their application documents by **February 24, 2025** to the International Affairs Business Unit, DE INTL (contact person: Oliver Kaas, phone 45323; email: oliver.kaas@kit.edu)². The contact person will check compliance with the application requirements and forward the formally acceptable applications to the Helmholtz office in Berlin by February 27, 2025.

Click here for an overview of the [universities, supporting organizations](#), and [research institutes](#) affiliated to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

¹ If there is not yet any suitable bilateral cooperation project at KIT, the Helmholtz head office in Berlin will be happy to find a suitable CAS host institute.

² Coordinator at KIT