About PIFI Fellowship

The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) President's International Fellowship Initiative, PIFI, is a funding program designed to establish scientific cooperation and promote research communication around the globe. According to the MOU between CAS and Helmholtz Association signed on January 9, 2025, CAS is willing to invite scientists at Helmholtz Centers to use the PIFI fellowship to visit CAS institutes for a flexible time, from weeks to months, and the candidates could be nominated by Helmholtz.

Category A Distinguished Scientists

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Conduct a lecture tour in at least two CAS branches (research institutes or universities) in 1-2 weeks

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

 Υ 50,000 per week (the package includes living expenses, transportation costs, insurance and an allowance)

WHO CAN APPLY?

Well-established and internationally recognized scientists

Category B Visiting Scientists

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Conduct academic visits or cooperative research at CAS for 2-9 months

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

40,000 yuan per month for foreign professors or those with equivalent qualifications

30,000 yuan per month for foreign associate professors or those with equivalent qualifications

20,000 yuan per month for assistant professors or those with equivalent qualifications

*Apart from the package above which includes living expenses, transportation costs, insurance and an allowance, another 8000 yuan will be provided for the international flight cost.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Excellent foreign scholars (at assistant professor level or above) who work in well-known foreign institutions or universities

Those who are evaluated as excellent at the end of the funding period can be recommended by the CAS host institution to apply for not more than two extensions.