



## OPTICHINA TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

### Guidelines

#### Context

OPTICHINA (Breeding to **Optimise Chinese Agriculture**) is an EU/CAAS funded project which aims to link the crop breeding research activities carried out by European and Chinese researchers. The project focuses specifically on research requirements to breeding for improved adaptation to abiotic stresses and sustainability of wheat and maize in China and Europe.

About 50 Fellowships will be provided in the next three years to support short training visits (of up to 3-6 months) to encourage cooperation and collaboration and support the adoption of best practice. The fellowships will be paid either through the OPTICHINA project funds or through the CAAS supplementary funds. Importantly this activity will build networks of support for scientists working within China and assist in the dissemination of relevant information. The OPTICHINA Training Fellowships will provide travel, accommodation and subsistence to support researchers to enable them to obtain training, either in a new discipline or in a new aspect of their own field.

#### Application Details

The Host Institute or University must be within the EU or associated countries (for a full list of these see [ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/third\\_country\\_agreements\\_en.pdf](ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/third_country_agreements_en.pdf)) or in China

The awards are open to Chinese scientists and post graduates. Applicants are required to submit their completed application form, CV (maximum length two sides of A4 in 11 point Arial font) and a short letter of recommendation from both their Head of Department and a letter of agreement from the Host Institution.

Applications should be sent by email to [martin.parry@bbsrc.ac.uk](mailto:martin.parry@bbsrc.ac.uk) or [wangjk@caas.net.cn](mailto:wangjk@caas.net.cn)

The closing dates for applications are:

01 Nov 2011

01 June 2012

01 November 2012

01 June 2013



Applications will be reviewed by a steering group who will make decisions and confirm the level of support.

All successful candidates will be required to write a short report summarising their visit and how it will benefit them in the future.

Questions or advice prior to application should be addressed to [martin.parry@bbsrc.ac.uk](mailto:martin.parry@bbsrc.ac.uk) or [wangjk@caas.net.cn](mailto:wangjk@caas.net.cn)

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### APPLICATION FORM

Name	Address
Tel	
Email	
University or institution	Position
Host University or Institute	Host researcher
Proposed start date	Duration in weeks
Purpose of visit (25 words max)	
Proposed activity (500 words max)	
Why do you wish to carry out An OPTICHINA bursary? (500 words max)	
How will the bursary help you in your future career? (500 words max)	



Funding requested (rmb):  Travel Accommodation subsistence
TOTAL
Names and contact details for two academic referees

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