

Annex 2

2024 CAS President's International Fellowship Initiative Key Points of the Formal Examination

I. General Review Points

1. The host institution must be an institute or university affiliated to the Chinese Academy of Sciences with the legal personality of a public institution.

2. The project leader must be a full-time staff of the host institution, have an active account on the CAS PIFI platform and a completed English CV.

3. Foreign experts (scholars) must be non-Chinese and officially employed by (or retired from) a foreign institution, with no employment relationship with CAS.

4. Review of ARP field: content completed in full and consistent with attachments.

5. Review of necessary annexes:

English application form (for PIFI Distinguished Scientist and PIFI Visiting Scientist): content completed in full including the signature of the foreign expert (scholar).

Profile of foreign team (for PIFI Group): including but not limited to: the research direction, representative achievements and honors of the foreign team, basic information about the team leader and key team members.

Passport: within the validity period.

Photo: 120*120 px, png, jpg available

Letter of Commitment: content completed in full including the signature of the project leader.

II. Review Points of PIFI Distinguished Scientist

1. Requirements for the project leader: The project leader must have the title of Associate Professor (or equivalent) or above.
2. Execution plan: No less than two CAS-affiliated research institutes and universities must be included in the plan for visit and exchange.
3. Limitations and checks: Foreign experts (scholars) who have already implemented the PIFI Distinguished Scientist in the same application year are not eligible for reapplication. If a foreign expert (scholar) has already been included/funded in the PIFI Group of their host institution, the host institution shall not submit an application for them under the PIFI Distinguished Scientist program.

III. Review Points of PIFI Visiting Scientist

1. Requirements for the project leader: The project leader must have the title of Associate Professor (or equivalent) or above.
2. Execution plan: Projects may be implemented in phases, with each phase lasting no less than one month.
3. Limitations and checks: If a foreign expert (scholar) has already been funded in the PIFI Group of the host institution, the host institution shall not submit an application for them under the PIFI Visiting Scientist program.

IV. Review Points of PIFI Group

1. Requirements for the project leader: The project leader must be head of

national key laboratory, leader of national major scientific research and innovation tasks, director of national mega-science facilities and infrastructures, or undertake major tasks deployed by national and local authorities with funding greater than RMB 100 million.

2. Execution plan: The project must cover three categories — Distinguished Scientist, Young Leader, and Visiting Scientist.

3. Limitations and checks: For foreign team leaders and their members who have been funded in the PIFI Group, the host institution is not allowed to apply for other PIFI projects for them during the project funding period.