Annex 1

2024 CAS President's International Fellowship Initiative Application Requirements

I. Application Acceptance

1. How to apply

Applications are submitted through the "International Talent Exchange Programme" module of the ARP system. Paper applications are not accepted. Application filling path: International Cooperation - International Talent Exchange Programme - PIFI - Application filling, and upload relevant attachments as required.

2. Prerequisites for application

Project leaders who have not activated their accounts on the CAS PIFI platform (http://international-talent.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.

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.

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).

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

After being reviewed by experts, the project approval results will be announced in August 2023, and implementation will commence in accordance with the project implementation instructions once the results are announced.

II. Materials requirements

Depending on the PIFI categories, the following attachments must be uploaded in the ARP System.

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 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.

If you want to apply for a renewal of a PIFI Visiting Scientist that has already been implemented, please complete a new application in accordance with the requirements of the new CAS PIFI.

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.

III. Remote execution

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

For projects that must be implemented remotely, 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".