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JOIN THE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME IN CHINA NOW!

**FOR THE 1ST INTAKE OF STF CHINA, STARTING
IN DECEMBER 2008**

Apply by 20th June, 2008

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APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 20TH JUNE OR 5TH SEPTEMBER 2008

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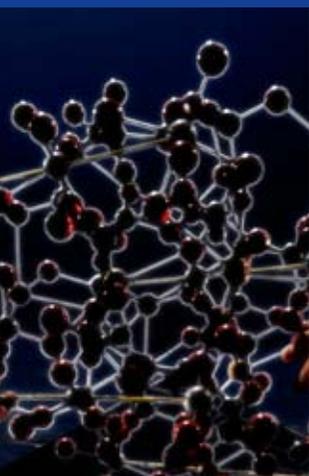
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COMMISSION

Since 2006 China is the second largest investor in research and development worldwide just behind the US. Conscious that China is becoming one of the most important centres of worldwide scientific developments, the EU is launching a new exciting project to enable European researchers to discover the framework and principles of research in China.

THIS PILOT PROJECT, STF CHINA, AIMS AT:

- ... promoting the mobility of EU researchers towards the Chinese research and development area to successfully develop meaningful and long-lasting contact,
- ... creating and sustaining links and research partnerships between EU and Chinese research institutions.



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THE STF CHINA OFFERS:



- ... 2 days briefing in Brussels prior to the departure
- ... 6-month tailor-made Chinese language and research culture training in Beijing
- ... 18-month practical research period in a Chinese host organisation
- ... networking and events for STF fellows including support to the formation and functioning of an STF fellow alumni organisation

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THE STF CHINA HAS 2 INTAKES OF 15 EU RESEARCHERS EACH. THE SELECTED FELLOWS WILL BE OFFERED:

- ... a flat rate monthly living allowance: ca. € 1,800
- ... a single flat rate installation allowance: ca. € 1,800
- ... the reimbursement of two international travels: twice € 1,500
- ... the reimbursement of participation in one international conference: € 2,500

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FIELDS OF RESEARCH CONCERNED THE STF CHINA PROGRAMME IS OPEN TO ALL DISCIPLINES

Ideally, the applicant's research proposal should concentrate on fields of research where the European Union and China carry out or are potentially interested in co-operative scientific research work. The subject of the research project should further the participant's competence in a certain area and be of strong interest for the EU sending and Chinese host institution alike.

ADMISSION CONDITIONS

- be citizen of one of the 27 EU Member States
- have either a post-graduate university degree (M.A., MSc or equivalent) and minimum two years of practical research experience or hold a doctoral degree
- have prepared a research project that you intend to carry out in China during the practical research period
- be supported by a sending EU organisation*
- have identified a Chinese host institution for their practical research**
- ideally be not older than 32 years old

Note: No specific Chinese language skills are required.

SELECTION PROCESS

For the 1st intake:

After a pre-selection by the European Commission assisted by independent experts, a 30-candidate shortlist will be established. These 30 candidates will be interviewed in Brussels by mid-July 2008. At the end of the selection process, 15 candidates will be invited to join the programme.

For the 2nd intake:

If you miss this first deadline, you can still submit your application for the second and final selection process. The second deadline is 5th September, 2008.

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After a pre-selection:

- the applicant's profile
- the research proposal (maximum 4 pages)
- the quality of the Chinese host institution chosen

For the interview:

- the candidate's motivation
- the candidate's suitability for the programme from a European point of view
- the scientific quality and feasibility of the research proposal
- the candidate's personal and communication skills

* A European Sending Organisation may be any EU public or private scientific or research & development institution that has either already established or can convincingly demonstrate an interest in establishing scientific co-operation with China.

** Chinese Host Organisation shall be any Chinese National Research Laboratory or University laboratory. At the moment of applying for the STF China Programme, the applicant shall propose a host institution in China in which he/she plans to carry out the practical research and present an invitation letter from them.