

Catalyst Leaders

New Zealand-China Scientist Exchange

Specific Programme Requirements

Background

In February 2009 the New Zealand Ministry of Research, Science and Technology (now the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment) and the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) signed an arrangement to encourage and facilitate greater understanding and development of research linkages between New Zealand and China. The arrangement provides for that support to be provided through the New Zealand-China Scientist Exchange Programme.

Objective

The objectives of the scientific exchange programme are to encourage and facilitate greater understanding and development of research linkages between early to mid-career researchers of the two countries in jointly agreed priority research fields for collaboration.

International Partner

- People's Republic of China – Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and the China Science and Technology Exchange Center (CSTEC)

Activity Description

Each year the Society runs a New Zealand-based call for applications to enable **up to 10** excellent New Zealand researchers to travel to mainland China and collaborate with researchers in mainland Chinese institutes for a **four-week period**.¹ If a candidate wishes to visit China for a shorter period due to other commitments (not less than two weeks) or a longer period (no more than six weeks), explain why in the application.

During the visit, the New Zealand researchers can apply to visit more than one Chinese research institute as part of the exchange. In particular, additional visits to research institutes in the Beijing area can be accommodated following the Beijing Orientation event. Additional visits are subject to approval by CSTEC, which will be sought by the Society prior to the contracting of successful applications.

The exchange should take place in October to coincide with an Orientation event in Beijing. In the instance where the proposed research necessitates travel at a different time of year, prior agreement from the Society and CSTEC (via the Society) is required.

Beijing Orientation

All exchange Leaders are expected to start their exchange participating in an orientation ceremony in Beijing. Following the orientation ceremony, exchange Leaders will travel to their chosen Chinese institution to meet with their Host researcher.

- In 2020, the Beijing orientation ceremony will be held on 20 October

The Society will provide successful Leaders with a NZ\$3,000 travel grant for travel between New

¹**For Chinese researchers visiting New Zealand** CSTEC will operate an independent China-based call in approximately January 2020 to enable up to 10 excellent Chinese researchers to visit New Zealand in June-August 2020. If you are interested in hosting a researcher by supporting their application, contact CSTEC for more information.

Zealand and Beijing.

MOST will cover the costs of local accommodation and domestic travel between Beijing and host cities. MOST will also pay each researcher a daily allowance equivalent to **NZ\$37.50 or RMB Yuan 200** to cover meals and incidental expenses.

The exchange programme does not provide funds for research costs.

Each successful Leader is responsible for their own visa application, travel and medical insurance

Fields of Research

Preference will be given to those applications under the listed priority research fields. However, applications for other fields of research will be accepted as well:

- Water Research
- Food Safety and Security
- Non-communicable disease.

Specific Requirements

In addition to the general eligibility requirements of Catalyst: Leaders:

- Applicants must be able to travel and arrive in Beijing on the required dates unless otherwise agreed to by the Society and CSTEC.
- Applicants must meet all passport and visa requirements for a visit to China.
- Applications are subject to final approval by CSTEC

Please note: Budget forms are not required for this programme.

China support contact

For enquiries regarding the China – New Zealand Exchange call, please contact CSTEC:

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<http://www.cstec.org.cn/en/OurLocation.html>

Successful Grants

Expected Timeframes

Notification of Exchange confirmed by Society	Required Starting Date	Activity must be complete	Activity Report(s) required
No later than 9 weeks after close of Call	20 October 2020	Before 30 November 2020	30 days after end of exchange

Reporting

Successful exchange Leaders are required to submit a report of their visit no later than 30 days after returning to New Zealand. The reports may be made available to both MOST and MBIE.