

# Catalyst Leaders

## New Zealand-China Scientist Exchange Programme

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 China and collaborate with researchers in mainland Chinese institutes for a **four-week period**.<sup>1</sup>

In this period, 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 must take place in October to coincide with an Orientation event in Beijing. If a candidate wishes to visit China for a shorter (not less than two weeks) or longer (no more than six weeks) period a clear case must be made in the application. 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

New Zealand participants are expected to start their exchange with the orientation ceremony in Beijing. Following the orientation ceremony, participants will travel to their chosen Chinese institution(s) to meet with their Host researcher(s).

- The date for the Beijing orientation event is normally in October (date will be confirmed prior to the call for applications)

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

## Funding

The Society will provide successful Leaders with a NZ\$3,000 travel grant for travel between New 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** (2019 value) 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 normally be given to those applications under the listed priority research fields below (updated priority research fields will be available at the opening of the call for applications):

- 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.
- 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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## 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	TBC	TBC	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.