

ASEAN Young Scientists' Work and Exchange Program in China

Field directions: Biotechnology, Materials Science and Technology, Marine Science and Technology, Agriculture, Health (including Traditional Medicine), Energy, Spatial Information, Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Manufacturing, Basic Sciences.

Cooperation countries: *Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam.*

Number of projects to be supported: no more than 50 (generally no more than 10 per country and no more than 3 in the same field within the same country). Total proposed support funds: not exceeding RMB 12 million (not exceeding RMB 240000 per item).

Young researchers who come to China for work and exchange (hereinafter referred to as "exchange personnel") have three types of working hours in China, namely 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months. The project execution cycle is divided into two categories, namely, for those who work in China for 3 months and 6 months, the project execution cycle is 12 months; The duration of work in China is 12 months, and the project execution cycle is 18 months.

Project funding.

Each project is limited to funding one foreign person to come to China, with a funding amount of 20000 RMB per month (pre tax). The funding amount for each project is determined based on the duration of the exchange personnel's work in China (3/6/12 months), which includes a 3-month project funding of 60000 RMB, a 6-month project funding of 120000 RMB, and a 12-month project funding of 240000 RMB.

The project funds are used to cover the round-trip international travel expenses of exchange personnel, as well as living expenses, housing rental, insurance purchase (insurance is mandatory and includes at least medical insurance and personal accident insurance) during the exchange period in China. The Chinese receiving unit should provide supporting funds to pay for the administrative expenses, necessary scientific research equipment support, and domestic travel expenses of exchange personnel in China.

Funding method.

(1) The project funds will be disbursed to the Chinese institution in one go. After receiving the funds, Chinese institutions will disburse them to exchange personnel on a monthly basis. The specific funding distribution method shall be agreed upon by the Chinese receiving institution and the exchange personnel. The taxes and fees incurred during the distribution of funds to exchange

personnel shall be paid by the Chinese receiving institution in accordance with the regulations of the unit and the tax department.

(2) The project implements budget contracting and does not require budget preparation. After the completion of the project execution period, the project undertaking organization and project leader shall prepare the final settlement of project funds. The funding should be used entirely for exchange personnel to work and exchange in China, and the expenditure subject only includes the "International Cooperation and Exchange Fee" in the "Business Expenses" of key special projects.

The foreign young researchers to be accepted must meet the following conditions simultaneously:

- (1) Having the nationality of an ASEAN country;
- (2) Having a formal job in one's own country, engaged in scientific research or technology policy research;
- (3) Having a doctoral degree or more than 5 years of research work experience;
- (4) Having a high level of scientific research or research potential;
- (5) Age not exceeding 45 years old (born on or after January 1, 1980) and in good health;
- (6) Have good communication skills in English or Chinese language;
- (7) Promise to abide by Chinese laws, regulations, and other relevant rules, and respect local customs during the exchange period in China;
- (8) I have not participated as an exchange participant in any personnel exchange program sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology within the past 3 years

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