

2013 U.S.-China Visiting Scholar Network Travel Grant Program

GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

Context and Goal

Each year over 200 of China's leading professors, postdoctoral researchers, and graduate students are hosted by Purdue faculty as visiting scholars on extended research stays. They come to Purdue to avail themselves of our world-class laboratories and faculty while sharing their own knowledge and technological perspectives and strengths. Most importantly, they come to Purdue to participate in a shared spirit of innovation and knowledge creation in order to solve some of our planet's most pressing environmental, economic, and social challenges. We feel this community of visiting scholars and hosts represents a growing resource of collaborative potential that could greatly facilitate Purdue's US-China research initiatives and help us to identify areas of research strength that span across multiple academic units of Purdue as well as numerous research programs in China. To develop our potential in this area, Purdue University has created the US-China Visiting Scholar Network Travel Grant Program. This initiative, administered by Purdue's US-China EcoPartnership will help fund the reciprocal research stays of Purdue hosts or their students or post docs at the home institution of their current or recent Chinese visiting scholar.

Award Overview

This program will award up to \$4,500 to support a Purdue host's (graduate student/post-doctoral researcher) visit to the institution of the corresponding Chinese visiting scholar for a stay of no less than four weeks. The awards will be made through a competitive selection process. This program is financially supported by contributions from the centers of the Global Sustainability Institute, the Confucius Institute, International Programs, and the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering, Science, and Technology at Purdue.

Eligibility and Expected Use of Funds

- To be eligible for a travel grant the Purdue faculty applicant must have been a registered host of a Chinese visiting scholar and is currently seeking to reengage that same Chinese scholar in a reciprocal visit.
- The stay in China should be no less than 4 weeks.
- Funds may be used to defray costs U.S.-China airfare, accommodations, food and other daily living expenses while in China. Funds may also be applied toward a graduate student's stipend during their time in China. Leveraging of existing funds or contributions by Chinese hosts is encouraged and should be indicated in the budget justification.
- Ideally travel is expected to occur within 9 months of the award.

Restrictions on Use of Funds

Funds may not be used as a donation or award, nor can they be used for research costs or personal electronic devices.

Proposal Guidelines – In 1500 words or less describe the following:

- The **nature of the existing collaboration** between the US and Chinese researchers (include research area, name and home institution of the original Chinese visiting

scholar, the dates of the past visit). Specifically, include what environmental, economic, and/or social challenges faced by the U.S. and China will be addressed in this project. Briefly describe how this project will be sustained in the long-term with the extramural funding. NOTE: Include a letter of collaboration and intent to host from the Chinese collaborator.

- The **past outcome** of Chinese visiting scholar's stay at Purdue (specify talks given, papers submitted/published, patents filed/awarded, proposals attempted/awarded).
- The **proposed visitor** (Purdue faculty, postdoc, or graduate student) designated to travel to china and how this travel in part of that persons overall research plan. Include visitors CV.
- The **expected outcomes** of the travel to China (specify timetable of manuscripts, patents, proposals attempted).
- The **cultural and language preparation** (past or planned) by the proposed visitor in order to maximize cultural awareness by the experience. For example, consider programs on Chinese language and culture offered by the Confucius Institute or a Purdue University student group. Increasing cultural awareness will be considered as one of the selection criteria.
- Indicate the amount and describe the **use of the requested funds**. If other resources are being leveraged please indicate the source, amount, and use of the additional funds.

Application Notes

- Signatures of the proposal author(s) and the correspondent Chinese visiting scholar are required.
- Applications should be as a single PDF file with the file name as "CVSN – (last name of author)" and delivered by email to lu130@purdue.edu, on or before May 20, 2013. Use "CVSN Travel Grant" as the subject header
- Applications received after the above deadlines will be considered if funds are available.
- Comments or questions can be directed to Timothy Filley (Filley@purdue.edu) or Lauren Lu (lu130@purdue.edu).

Application Review and Notification

- All applications will be reviewed by the VSN travel grant committee.
- The first round of decisions will be made by June 17, 2013.

General Information

- Proposed Purdue faculty/postdocs/students travelers must be in good standing with the University at the time of fund allocation.
- Partial funding may be awarded in certain cases.

Final Report

Within 3 months of return from China the grant recipient is required to write a brief (500 word) **FINAL REPORT** indicating the outcomes that have been achieved as a result of the funding.

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Application Cover Sheet

Complete all sections below and use a cover sheet for the proposal. Also attach the 1500 word application file and letter of support by host in China

Applicant Information

Applicant Name/Academic Unit:

Applicant Purdue Address/Email:

Traveler Name/position/Email

Project Information

Title of Research Project:

Chinese host's name, position, and institution in China (include Province and city):

Proposed starting and ending dates of the visit (mm/yyyy) to (mm/yyyy):

Proposed Budget

Provide an itemized list of the expected expenses by expenditure type that will be charged to this grant. Refer to the Guidelines for items that are approvable expenditures. Add additional lines as needed.

Item	Cost	Expense Type

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED _____

Signature of Applicant – Date