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# **YARN Meeting**

**03 May 2017**



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# China PIFI Initiative



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## China PIFI initiative

The China Academy of Science has launched the President's International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI) in the last few months. It has 4 levels:

- Distinguished Fellows - lecture tours of 1-2 weeks
- Visiting Fellows - collaborative research projects 1-12 months
- Post doctoral Fellows - conduct research for 1-2 years
- International PhD students - 1 year as part of your PhD

Funding is generous. CAS institutions host visitors, and they are mainly in natural and physical sciences (but not all). More details from Hilary Layton.



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# JAPAN JSPS Fellowships



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## Japan, JSPS fellowships

These fellowships are not dissimilar to PIFI opportunities, although there may be more opportunities for Humanities and Social Sciences visits.

- There are 5 post-doctoral fellowship strands, ranging from two-month summer programmes, to two-year collaborative research projects.
- Fellowships for Mid-career up to professorial level academics for either long-term research collaborations, or short visits for research workshops or lectures
- Fellowships for eminent and outstanding academics for lecture tours and discussions

Again, funding is generous, but criteria are fixed. More information from HL or at our Japan Day in September.



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# Worldwide Universities Network (WUN)

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- A global higher education and research network
- 21 member universities, spanning 11 countries
- Fosters international research and teaching collaborations to address four global challenges :
  - Global Higher Education and Research
  - Public Health
  - Responding to Climate Change
  - Understanding Cultures
- A coordinator based at each WUN university
- Two funding opportunities: Research Development Fund (RDF) and the Research Mobility Programme (RMP)

## WUN Partners

- University of Alberta
- The University of Auckland
- University of Basel
- University of Bergen
- University of Bristol
- University of Cape Town
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- University of Ghana
- University of Leeds
- Maastricht University
- Umass Amherst
- University of Nairobi
- National Cheng Kung University
- Renmin University
- University of Rochester
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- The University of Sydney
- The University of Western Australia
- Zhejiang University



# Research Mobility Programme

- Open to staff or postgraduate researchers in **any academic discipline**
- Funding to visit any WUN **international** partner
- Development of international networks, exchange of expertise and shared access to specialised facilities
- Up to 6 months in duration
- Maximum of £2,500 per successful applicant
- Covers air travel, visa, accommodation and subsistence costs
- Applications **opens May 2017**

# Research Development Fund

- Only open to staff
- Funding to foster research collaboration within the WUN
- Collaboration must involve three or more WUN members, at least one international
- Research aimed at one of the four WUN global challenges
- Grants up to £12,000
- Funds used to cover research initiatives, targeted workshops, faculty exchanges – not salaries
- Format of 2017 round TBC
- Applications **opens in summer 2017**



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# Newton Fund



## Purpose:

The Newton Fund aims to promote the economic development and social welfare of either the partner countries or, through working with the partner country, to address the well being of communities.

## How?:

The Fund was launched in 2014 and originally consisted of £75 million each year for 5 years. In the 2015 UK Spending Review it was agreed to extend and expand the Fund. The Newton Fund was extended from 2019 to 2021 and expanded by doubling the £75 million investment to £150 million by 2021, leading to a £735 million UK investment to 2021, with partner countries providing matched resources within the Fund.

- Brazil
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Egypt
- India
- Indonesia
- Thailand
- Kazakhstan
- Mexico
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- South Africa
- Turkey
- Vietnam

## FORTHCOMING:



- **CHINA: UK-China Agri-Tech**

UK Funder: Innovate UK, Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)

In-Country partner: Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST)

Opening & Closing date: tbc

- **INDIA: UK Bio-Technological solutions for reducing industrial waste**

UK Funder: Innovate UK, BBSRC, EPSRC

In-Country partner: Department of Bio-Technology (DBT)

Opening & Closing date: tbc

- **CHINA: Generation of High Resolution Extreme Temperature and Flooding scenarios for Chinese Cities**

UK Funder: Met Office

In-Country partner: CSSP China

Opening date: 05 Apr 2017 / Closing date: 05 May 2017

## FORTHCOMING:

- **Philippines: UK-Philippines Joint Health Research Initiative Call for Concept proposals**

UK Funder: Medical Research Council (MRC)

In-Country partner: Philippine Council for health and research development

**Opening date: 15 Mar 2017 / Closing date: 11 May 2017**

- **CHINA: Information and Communications Technologies in Homes and Cities for the Health and wellbeing of older people**

UK Funder: British Council

**Opening date: 23 Mar 2017 / Closing date: 20 May 2017**

## FORTHCOMING:

- **Philippines: Newton PhD Scholarships**  
UK Funder: British Council  
**Opening date: 03 Apr 2017 / Closing date: 13 Jun 2017**
- **Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam: Researcher Links Newton Fund Workshops**  
UK Funder: British Council  
**Opening date: 03 Apr 2017 / Closing date: 13 Jun 2017**
- **Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines: Newton Fund Institutional Links Grants**  
UK Funder: British Council  
**Opening date: 03 Apr 2017 / Closing date: 13 Jun 2017**



## FORTHCOMING:

- **Thailand: Newton Fund Researcher Links Travel Grants**  
UK Funder: British Council  
**Opening date: 03 Apr 2017 / Closing date: 13 Jun 2017**
- **Malaysia: Newton-Ungku Omar Fund. Malaysia-UK Urban Innovation**  
UK Funder: Innovate UK  
In-Country funder: (AIM) Malaysia Innovation Agency  
**Opening date: 01 May 2017 /Closing date: 01 Sep 2017**
- **China: UK-Guangdong (China)-Urban Innovation**  
UK Funder: Innovate UK  
In-Country funder: Guangdong Department of Science and Technology (GDST)  
**Opening date: 03 Jul 2017/ Closing date: 04 Oct 2017**





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# Thank you

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