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Value of the Programme: ≤ 119,000 €
Number of fellowships: 2
Hosting labs: French CNRS units developing structuring actions with China (IRL, IRN, IRP...Ex LIA, GDRI, UMI...)
Disciplines: all, except Humanities & Social Sciences and Industrial Sciences
Call opening date: May-June 2019
Application deadline: 30 June 2019
Application form: See application procedure
Eligibility: mainland China candidates employed by a scientific or academic institution in China

1 - Framework
The K. C. Wong Education Foundation was founded in Hong Kong in 1985. Its objectives are to promote and advance education at all levels in China. In furtherance of these aims the Foundation has awarded fellowships for Chinese scholars to advance research outside China, including the CNRS laboratories in France.

To further enhance the advancement of Chinese scholars in France, the K. C. Wong Education Foundation (KCWEF) in cooperation with the CNRS has established a fellowship scheme, to be known as: The CNRS – K. C. Wong Postdoctoral Fellowships ("the Fellowships")

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2 - Eligibility and conditions
- Call is exclusively aimed at candidates living in mainland China who wish to come to CNRS. Chinese scholarship holders currently in France who are seeking to extend their stay are not eligible to apply.
- Younger post-docs are preferred. Between 2 and 6-year-experience recommended.
- Applicants should be scientists of post-doctoral level or equivalent status who are employed by a scientific or academic institution in mainland China, or who have confirmed employment with such institutions after the completion of their Fellowship.
- It is essential that applicants have a good command of spoken and written English. NB: some knowledge of French will be useful for the everyday life.
- Disciplines covered: all, except humanities and social sciences as well as industrial sciences.
- Hosting CNRS units focus: French CNRS research units (UMR) developing "structuring actions" (IRL, IRN, IRP...) with China. Current UMR (i.e. CNRS units involved in a "structuring actions") hosting the 2018 laureates are not prioritized for 2019 call.

3 - Application procedure
- Application should be submitted by the intended hosting CNRS lab supervisor to “Bureau du CNRS en Chine”, i.e. the head of the CNRS “structuring action” (IRL, IRN, IRP)
- Application includes the following documents
  (a) a full résumé with all publications
  (b) a supporting statement from the applicant’s employer or head of department giving approval for absence abroad. The statement must include a confirmation that the laureate will be provided with a research position after his postdoc in CNRS.
  (c) a passport-sized photograph
  (d) a letter of invitation signed by the CNRS hosting lab supervisor including a 400 word description of the intended candidate post-doc work (scientific program).

4 - Prospective timetable
(a) Application deadline: 30 June 2019
(b) Short list of qualified candidates: Oct. 2019 (tentative)
(c) Final decision: Nov. 2019 (tentative)
(d) Expected start of the post doctoral contract: beginning of Jan. 2020

Description of structuring actions in China:
- CNRS Cooperation with China yearbook: in Chinese / in French
- CNRS in China: CNRS Beijing Office; CNRS in China Magazine
- CNRS International Cooperation Toolkit: CNRS Toolkit
- CNRS website: http://www.cnrs.fr/index.php

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China: Major Scientific Partner of CNRS in Asia

Co-operating with China since 1978

- France makes 4.4% of China’s international co-publications (rank 7th)
- CNRS makes 71% of the Sino-French co-publications
- 100+ joint projects in all fields
- 31 integrated co-operative actions (networks, programmes, labs IRL, IRN, IRP...)
- 1,491 Chinese PhDs & 134 Postdocs in CNRS labs (2018)
- 1,487 CNRS scientists visit China (2018)

About the French National Center for Scientific Research

The largest European scientific institution

- 32,377 Employees, including 11,092 researchers and 12,760 engineers ITA (2018)
- Budget: €3.7 billions (2018)
- 1,143 Laboratories, all disciplines covered (2017)

World’s top 100 innovators

- 8th of the 25 most innovative public organizations in the world
- 5th Patent applicant in 2017 in France (Inpi)
- 2nd in the Nature Index & Scimago Institution Ranking (2017)
- 21 Master Agreements with large groups
- 51,800 Scientific publications including 60% with a foreign lab (Scopus, 2017)
- +1,400 Startups generated since 1999
- 82 new CNRS talents (42 women and 44 men in 2018)... Nobel, Fields medals...

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