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SSSTC Program Call for Proposal

SSSTC refers to Sino-Swiss Science and Technology Cooperation. It is a governmental framework program between China and Switzerland. It aims to encourage and strengthen individual contacts by building a multi-level research cooperation between institutions, research groups as well as individuals. Life Science, Environmental Science, Material Science and Medicine are set to be the 4 priority areas of the program. Funding instruments include Joint Research Project (JRP), Institutional Partnership (IP), Faculty Exchange (FE) and Student Exchange (SE). Supported by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology as well as the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the SSSTC program has been carried out successfully in China and in Switzerland.

For next deadline March 15, 2010, SSSTC funding could be applied to support the following two types of cooperation:

1) Faculty or Student Exchange

The Faculty and Student Exchange Grants are designed to facilitate the first contact between scholars of both countries. It is expected that through exchange of students and faculties, there will be more understanding and mutual interest to engage in more substantial collaborative projects.

In Switzerland, a Swiss faculty can apply SSSTC funding to invite Chinese faculties or students to spend some times within his laboratory and to discuss detailed plans of collaboration. Please refer to the following links for details:
http://www.global.ethz.ch/stc/china/instruments/fe
http://www.global.ethz.ch/stc/china/instruments/se

The length of the stay should not exceed 12 months for an exchange student, and within 3 months for an exchange faculty. Please note that this funding instrument can be used by faculties/students of all disciplines, including those in social sciences.

The funding principle is that the invited Chinese scholar covers his own travel expenses, while the hosting party in Switzerland applies the SSSTC Exchange Grant to cover the living expanses of his host, as well as related laboratory consumables. If a Swiss scientist is invited to spend sometime in China, he can apply SSSTC Exchange Grant to cover his travel expenses. It is expected that his Chinese host will cover the related living cost of Swiss visitors in China, through other sources of funding provided by the Chinese government or universities. Please refer to the detailed Swiss financial guideline below:
http://www.global.ethz.ch/stc/china/program/finance