

CNARC Fellowship Program for Year 2015

A. Outline of Fellowship

The fellowship program offers opportunities for excellent researchers from both China and Nordic states, under the collaborative framework of the China-Nordic Arctic Research Center (CNARC), to conduct joint research within leading research institutes in Arctic studies. The program allows researchers to advance their own research projects while contributing to an increased awareness, understanding and knowledge of the Arctic and its impacts for both China and the Nordic states.

B. Fellowship Standards

Fellows are encouraged to conduct relevant research project consistent with CNARC's research priorities and the themes for the 4th China-Nordic Arctic Cooperation Symposium (CNACS) to be held in Rovaniemi, Finland, 2016

- i. CNARC's research priorities:
 - a) Arctic climate change and its impacts
 - b) Arctic resources, shipping and economic cooperation
 - c) Arctic policy-making and legislation
- ii. Themes for the 4th CNARC
 - a) Tourism in the Arctic
 - b) Sustainability in the Arctic
 - c) Globalization and the Arctic: current trends
 - d) China, Nordic countries and the Arctic: is there a common ground?
- iii. Duration: 1 - 3 month
- iv. Requirements:
 - a) An academic research report (3,000 words) submitted no later than 3 months upon completion of fellowship and accessible within CNARC's Member Institutes. Fellows are encouraged pursue peer-reviewed publications based on research findings with acknowledgement of CNARC's sponsorship;
 - b) Initiatives of academic exchanges among CNARC member institutes (e.g. lectures, presentations, workshops, etc.)
 - c) Such research projects shall also have other sources of funding than from CNARC.
 - d) Active participation and contribution to CNARC symposium, publications, etc., are strongly encouraged.

C. Number of Fellowship Awarded

For Year 2015, the fellowships shall be granted to:

- i. 2 Nordic candidates

- ii. 2 Chinese candidates

Successful candidates shall choose to conduct the fellowship during the following period: October 15th 2015 – May 15th 2016

D. Terms of Award

1. For Nordic fellows to conduct research in Chinese host member institutes:
 - i. Office and lunch provided by the host institute
 - ii. Monthly stipend (RMB, tax incl.) according to standard of China’s State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs:

Academic Rank	Allowance	Living Expenses	Total
Professor	9,000	18,000	27,000
Associate-Professor	8,000	17,000	25,000
Assistant-Professor	7,000	15,000	22,000

- iii. Nordic fellows shall firstly register at Polar Research Institute of China (sponsor of fellowship) upon arrival and withdraw the monthly stipends.
2. For Chinese fellows to conduct research in Nordic host institutes
 - i. Round-trip air ticket (Economy Class)
 - ii. Monthly stipend (tax incl.) according to standard of China’s Ministry of Finance:

Academic Rank	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
Professor/ Associate-Professor	12,000 DKK	1,800 EURO	1,800 EURO	13,000 NOK	15,000 SEK
Assistant-Professor	9,500 DKK	1,300 EURO	1,100 EURO	11,000 NOK	13,000 SEK

- iii. Nordic host institutes shall be encouraged to provide convenient working facilities, domestic travelling, and local logistic supports to satisfy the basic life and academic activities of the visiting scholar(s).

E. Application procedure for the program

1. Candidate Eligibility

Candidate for the Fellowship Shall:

 - i. Be based at or employed by member institutes of CNARC; or be a citizen from and employed by accredited relevant research institutes in China and the Nordic states;
 - ii. Have more than two-year research experience relevant to the Arctic research
2. Materials to be submitted
 - i. Application form to be filled and signed by candidate
 - ii. A letter of recommendation from any member institute of CNARC
 - iii. A notice of acceptance from a host institute (which should be a member institute of CNARC or a relevant organization nominated by a member institute within its given country)
3. Candidate shall submit the application and related documents by email to

the Secretariat of CNARC no later than **15th September, 2015**. Contact Info:

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F. Selection Process and Notification

1. Results of selection of applicants for Year 2015 shall be notified in late September. The selection is conducted by a fellowship sub-committee established within CNARC and made up of frontline Arctic experts from China and Nordic states. The selection is carried out through a document review described as below:

Document reviews for each application are conducted individually by members of CNARC's fellowship sub-committee.

In the document review, a graduated scoring system is used on a scale 1 to 5, with 5(superlative), 4(excellent), 3(good), 2(fair) and 1(poor).

Marks are made on a comprehensive basis, taking into account research achievements, the research plan, estimated research capacities and feasibility of the research. The average score in the document review is used as the primary screening criterion in the panel review.

2. Notification of the selection results will be made in writing through the Secretariat of CNARC. Acceptance documents will be sent to the successful candidates. The names of the awardees, host institutes as well as their research themes are subject to public disclosure on CNARC's website. Unsuccessful candidates are not directly notified of their selection results.