**CAS-TWAS Fellowship Application**

**Step by Step Guideline**

* ≤ 35 years on 31 December 2018;
* Not take up other assignments during the period of his/her fellowship;
* Not hold Chinese citizenship;
* Applicants for doctoral study should also:

1. Meet the admission criteria for international students of UCAS
2. Hold a master degree before the beginning of the fall semester: 1 September, 2018.
3. Provide evidence that he/she will return to their home country on completion of their studies in China according to CAS-TWAS agreement.
4. Provide proof of knowledge of English or Chinese language.

**Deadline:**

**31 March 2018**

* Ask your supervisor to send the hard copy of comment page to the institude before deadline.

**Submit the admission application via the**

**online system**

**Remind your supervisor to complete and send back the comment page**

**File your application via**

**online application system**

**Find a Host Supervisor**

**who agrees to accept you**

* Contact an eligible supervisor and get his/her approval before applying for the CAS-TWAS.
* The information about the supervisors can be found on: <http://sourcedb.kiz.cas.cn/yw/zjrc/sc>/
* Send him/her an email with your CV, reseach proposal and other documents may required.

**Check Eligibility Criteria**

* submit your information and required documents via [UCAS online system](http://adis.ucas.ac.cn/) following its instructions:

[UCAS online system](http://adis.ucas.ac.cn/)

* Visit the official website, Create your account

[fellowship online application system](http://www.fellowship.cas.cn/dms/aonline/1958.jhtml)

* Prepare and upload the supporting documents

\*please see the checklist to know what you need prepare.

* Acquire TWO reference letters

**Application Documents Checklist**

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| No. | Application Materials | Requirements | Notes |
| 1 | Regular Passport | Has at least 2 years validity | Pages showing personal and validity details are needed. |
| 2 | Personal CV | Include brief introduction of  research experience |  |
| 3 | Original copy of the certificate of university degrees held | Both undergraduate and postgraduate  certificate | Graduates having just completed their degree should provide an official pre-graduation certificate showing their student status and stating the expected graduation date. |
| 4 | Proof of knowledge of English and/or Chinese |  |  |
| 5 | Original copy of transcripts of both undergraduate and post-graduate education |  |  |
| 6 | Detailed research proposal |  |  |
| 7 | Photocopies of all the title pages and abstracts of published academic papers; | Maximum 5 |  |
| 8 | Foreigner Physical Examination Form | With photos and signature/seal | Check Attachment 3 |
| 9 | TWO reference letters | * Signed, dated and on official headed paper with contact phone number and email address to the [fellowship online application system](http://www.fellowship.cas.cn/dms/aonline/1958.jhtml) * Send the original hard copies to the UCAS fellowship office before deadline | * NOT the host supervisor, preferably TWAS members, but not a mandatory requirement. * Reference letters in the body of e-mails will NOT be accepted. |

Please note:

1. All the above supporting documentation must be in English or Chinese, otherwise notarial translations in English or Chinese are required.

2. Make sure the electronic version of supporting documentation is in the right format as requested for the online application system.

3. If you are awarded the fellowship and are admitted by UCAS/USTC, you MUST present the original hardcopy of your university certificates (both undergraduate and postgraduate), transcripts AND regular passport to UCAS/USTC fellowship office upon your arrival in China, otherwise you will be disqualified.

4. Your application documentation will not be returned whether awarded or not.

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**Note:** It is important to remember that your supervisor can be helpful in providing answers to your enquiries. Please keep in close touch with your supervisor during the whole process of your application.

**Relevant information**

**CAS** is a national academic institution in China consisting of a comprehensive research and development network, a merit-based learned society and a system of higher education, focusing on natural sciences, technological sciences and high-tech innovation in China. It has 12 branches, 2 universities and more than 100 institutes with around 60,000 staff and 50,000 postgraduate students. It hosts 89 national key labs, 172 CAS key labs, 30 national engineering research centers and about 1,000 field stations throughout China. As a merit-based society, it has five academic divisions. CAS is dedicated to addressing fundamental, strategic and farsighted challenges related to the overall and long-term development of China. CAS and TWAS have had a close and productive relationship for many years, often involving TWAS's Regional Office for East and Southeast Asia and the Pacific (<http://www.twas.org.cn/twas/index.asp>).

**Read more about CAS:** <http://english.www.cas.cn/>

**TWAS** is an autonomous international organization, founded in 1983 in Trieste, Italy, by a distinguished group of scientists from the South to promote scientific capacity and excellence for sustainable development in the South. In 1991, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ([UNESCO](http://www.unesco.org/)) assumed responsibility for administering TWAS funds and personnel on the basis of an agreement signed by TWAS and UNESCO. In 2004, the Government of Italy passed a law that ensures a continuous financial contribution to the Academy's operation.

**Read more about TWAS:** <http://twas.ictp.it/>