

# Invitation for Applicants for Director and Deputy Director Positions at the National Key Laboratory of Genetic Evolution and Animal Models (Proposed)

The Kunming Institute of Zoology (KIZ), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), extends an invitation to talented scientists across the world to apply for the positions of Director/Deputy Director of the National Key Laboratory of Genetic Evolution and Animal Models (Proposed) (hereafter referred to as the national Lab).

Established in 1959, KIZ has earned international recognition for its contributions to the fields of biodiversity, evolution, and primate research. The establishment of the national Lab will merge the capabilities of both the State Key Laboratory of Genetic Resources and Evolution and the Key Laboratory of Animal Models and Human Disease Mechanisms of CAS. Within its precincts, KIZ hosts the National Research Facility for Phenotypic & Genetic Analysis of Model Animals (Primate Facility), and National Resource Center for Non-Human Primates, which serve as comprehensive platforms for primate research. The primary mission of the proposed national Lab is to elucidate the interactions between genetics and the environment, as well as their subsequent influence on phenotypic expression, with an emphasis on those associated with diseases. Furthermore, the national Lab will focus on key human diseases using large animal models, including non-human primates, dogs and pigs, to enhance their application in biomedical research.

## Responsibilities and Qualifications

### Director:

- Hold responsibility for comprehensive management and oversight of the national Lab.
- Preference will be given to internationally recognized experts in areas of neurobiology, genetics, therapeutics, phenomics, evolutionary biology, bioinformatics, computational biology, and related areas. Applicants from

abroad should hold positions of full professor or equivalent at a recognized scientific research institute or university.

- Possess extensive experience in research management and strong organizational and coordination capabilities.
- Expected to commit to full-time work and should be no more than 50 years old.

### Deputy Director (2–3):

- Hold responsibility for assisting the director in management of the national Lab.
- Preference will be given to recognized experts in above-mentioned areas. Applicants from abroad should hold positions of assistant professor, associate professor or equivalent at a recognized scientific research institute or university.
- Expected to commit to full-time work and should be no more than 45 years old.

These positions offer a competitive salary subject to negotiation, consistent and long-term research funding support, as well as access to a world-class research platform.

Application documents should include a cover letter, CV, statement of scientific achievements, and summary of your future research plans. Application materials should be forwarded to wangmj@mail.kiz.ac.cn. The proposed deadline is 30 November, 2023, and may be extended upon request. Eligible applicants will be notified regarding further interview details.

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