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ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship Round 3, part 2

**Lodgment of Applications**

Applications should be emailed to: [kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au](mailto:kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au)

The following documents must be provided:

1. ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship Application Form (part of this document – see below)
2. Proposed budget – please use [this template](https://acamar.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Template-Visiting-Fellowship-budget.xlsx)
3. Applicant CV
4. Letter of support from your proposed Host Institution.

Applications close at **11pm AEST on Wednesday 10 April 2024**

## ACAMAR Background

[ACAMAR](https://acamar.org.au/) (Australia-ChinA ConsortiuM for Astrophysical Research) is a joint Australia-China research centre between the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR), and Astronomy Australia Limited (AAL), set up to collaborate on areas of common interest within astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology.

ACAMAR aims to build upon existing arrangements to maximise the scientific return on investment in astronomy infrastructure and develop human capital in the field of astronomy, whilst enhancing our common scientific understanding of the universe.

This call for a third round of the ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship scheme follows two successful rounds in 2020-21 and 2022-23. It will enable distinguished Chinese researchers to make extended visits to Australia and enhance collaborations on areas of common interest within astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology during 2024.

Note: The figures and estimates contained within this document are indicative only and are supplied as a guide to prospective respondents and as such no warranty to their accuracy is given.

## Visiting Fellowship Program Overview

Through a generous endowment of funds from DISR, CSIRO and ICRAR, ACAMAR has a budget of up to $90k (AUD) to sponsor the third round of the ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship. This fellowship enables distinguished Chinese researchers to make extended visits to Australia to enhance collaborations on areas of common interest within astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology.

The ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship program aims to:

* + - Enhance scientific collaborations in astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology between Australia and China.
    - Maximise the scientific return on investment in astronomy infrastructure.
    - Explore opportunities for future projects and grant collaborations.

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to visit Australia for up to three months and are encouraged to visit multiple institutions. Funding of up to $15k (AUD) is available per successful applicant.

Please note:

* + - This program has a focus on the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) and it is expected that at least two third of the funds will be allocated to projects associated with the SKA and radio astronomy in Western Australia.
    - Co-investment from the host institute is highly valued.
    - Applicants are responsible for securing the approval of their home institution/organisation to undertake the ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship, where required. This includes securing a visa to visit Australia and authorisation to conduct collaborative research.

## Applicant responsibilities

Successful applicants are encouraged to keep in mind the following obligations for before, during, and after the visit. This information can also be found on the [Information for Applicants webpage](https://acamar.org.au/information-for-applicants/).

Applicants are encouraged to keep in mind the following responsibilities when applying for the Fellowship, and before, during, and after the visit:

**When applying for the Fellowship**

* + - Liaise with your proposed Host Institution to seek their advice and support for your application.
    - Submit an application by the due date including the application form (this document), proposed budget (download a budget template [here](https://acamar.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Template-Visiting-Fellowship-budget.xlsx)), your CV, and a letter of support from your proposed Host Institution(s).

**Before the visit**

* Obtain all relevant visas and travel documents.
* Arrange accommodation (your Host Institution will assist to find suitable accommodation).

**During the visit**

* Comply with all Host Institution policies, procedures, and guidelines.
* Carry out research as described in your application.
* Reimbursement
  + All expenses outlined in your approved budget will be reimbursed through your Host Institution. They will advise the process for reimbursing you.
  + Make sure you keep all receipts and tax invoices to support your reimbursement and provide them to your Host Institution.

**After the visit**

* Provide a short report on the Fellowship including:
  + Activities undertaken during the visit.
  + Research outcomes achieved.
  + Outer outcomes achieved e.g. new collaborations or networks.
  + Any challenges encountered during the visit, and how these were managed.
  + If possible, please include images that AAL can use when sharing success stories.

Note that AAL will use this report as a basis for sharing success stories of the ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship program. Follow these links to see examples of success stories from previous Fellows [Professor Di Li](https://acamar.org.au/acamar-projects/acamar-visiting-fellowship/) and [Professor Tao An](https://acamar.org.au/acamar-visiting-fellowship-success-stories/).

* Share your experience with colleagues in China and Australia if you wish, for example through conference presentations.

## Host institution responsibilities

Please ensure your proposed Host Institution is aware of the responsibilities outlined on the [Information for Host Institutions webpage](https://acamar.org.au/information-for-host-institutions/). The support letter provided by your host institution should include:

* + - Acknowledgement that they have read the host institution responsibilities and are happy to undertake these, should your application be successful.
    - Details of any co-contribution the Host Institution will provide.

## Application Lodgment

Your application should be submitted by email no later than **11pm AEST on Wednesday 10 April 2024** to [kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au](mailto:kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au) and should include:

1. ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship Application Form (see below).
2. Proposed budget – please use the [budget template provided](https://acamar.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Template-Visiting-Fellowship-budget.xlsx).
3. Applicant CV.
4. Supporting letter from your proposed hosting organisation.

## Timeline

The following is an indication of timing:

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| **Activity** | **Date** |
| ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship applications close and responses are registered | 11pm AEST, Wednesday 10 April 2024 |
| Applications assessed by the ACAMAR Advisory Committee. | Late April 2024 |
| Formal notification of successful applicant(s) | End of April or early May 2024 |
| Visiting Fellowships to take place | During 2024 |

Note that the timeline may vary.

## Communication

All communication will be documented and communication, wherever possible, will be in writing. Any additional information regarding the ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship process provided to one applicant shall be disclosed to all applicants to ensure an open and transparent process.

## Enquiries

Any enquiries regarding the ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship process, email submission, or other issues, should be directed to: Kate Barnard, Secretariat, ACAMAR at: [kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au](mailto:kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au)

ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship Application Form

Please fill in the form below and submit with relevant supporting documents to: [kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au](mailto:kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au)

## Applicant Details

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| First name: |  |
| Middle name: |  |
| Last name: |  |
| Current position: |  |
| Current institute or  professional affiliation: |  |
| Citizenship: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Phone: |  |

## Proposed Times

Please indicate when you would prefer to undertake the visiting fellowship. Please note that while we will try to accommodate your preferences, this may not always be possible. ACAMAR may also arrange an alternative date for the fellowship, depending on circumstances.

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## Research Plan (max. 2,000 words)

Outline your research plan including the following:

3.1 A proposed work plan of any publications to be developed or produced during the fellowship.

3.2 A summary of research interests and experience relevant to ACAMAR.

3.3 A summary of the likely benefits to ACAMAR.

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## Referees

Please provide contact details for two referees.

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| 4.1 Referee 1 | |
| Name: |  |
| Current position: |  |
| Current institute or professional affiliation: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Phone: |  |
| 4.2 Referee 2 | |
| Name: |  |
| Current position: |  |
| Current institute or professional affiliation: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Phone: |  |

## Notes

* + - All applications received are considered by a selection committee.
    - Applicants will be notified of the outcome via email.
    - Applicants are responsible for securing the approval of their home institution/organisation to undertake the fellowship, where required. This includes securing a visa to visit Australia or China and authorisation to conduct collaborative research.

We appreciate the time taken to complete an application and thank you for your interest in the ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship program.