

Sino Swiss Science and Technology Cooperation Programme 2021 FAQs

I. Applying as a Swiss host researcher

I have already applied to the last call as a Swiss host but I was not awarded a grant. Am I eligible to apply again?

As long as you meet the eligible requirements of the new call, you are allowed to apply.

In the application form, I have to suggest three possible reviewers as well as mention any expert that should not be contacted. What does that mean?

The reviewers are experts in your research field and will review your application based on the review criteria. In order to prevent any conflict of interest on their end, they have to be independent from your research group. Ideally, they are located in Switzerland. In exceptional cases they can be located abroad.

II. Hosting a Chinese scholar

I am hosting a Chinese scholar, what are the immigration requirements? Does the Leading House Asia support me in applying for a working visa?

The Swiss host and her/his fellow are responsible for taking care of all immigration matters. Please directly contact your cantonal immigration office to apply for a working visa for your visiting fellow.

I am hosting a Chinese scholar, how high is the grant?

Please refer to the specific call guidelines.

Do I have to write a report after hosting a Chinese scholar stay?

Yes, as the Swiss host and grant receiver, you are requested to write a research report after hosting a Chinese scholar. Please refer to the call guidelines.

As Swiss host, do I have to write a report? If so, what kind of report?

All grantees have to send a scientific and a financial report to the Leading House Asia, maximum one month after completion of the research project. All reporting forms are available for download on the [Leading House Asia website](#).

III. Miscellaneous

I have just missed an application deadline. When will you launch another call?

An overview of all the instruments offered by the Leading House Asia as well as the schedule of all planned calls will soon be available on our [website](#).

I am doing research with a partner from South Asia (e.g. India), can I apply to your instruments?

The Leading House Asia covers China (incl. Hong Kong and Taiwan), Japan, South Korea and the ASEAN region (all member states, except for Singapore).

For South Asian countries, please refer to the [Leading House South Asia and Iran](#) at ZHAW.

Do you have a newsletter I can subscribe to?

We do not have a newsletter, but you can contact Mrs. Lucia Arpagaus lucia.arpagaus@sl.ethz.ch who will add you to the calls distribution list. Additionally, all of our calls are regularly published on our [website](#).

Is there a Leading House for another continent?

You will find an overview of all Leading Houses on the State Secretariat for Education, Research, and Innovation (SERI)'s [website](#).