

Guidelines for short-term student training funded by CAAS-IPNI Joint Laboratory for Plant Nutrition Innovation Research

The CAAS-IPNI Joint Lab is planning to select 1-2 applicants per year to study abroad for 3-6 months. The program is open to plant nutrition innovation team, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, including young scholars, post doctors and graduate students.

Applicant Types & Study Duration

Young scholars, post doctorates and Ph.D. students

Preferential majors & Professional fields

1. Nutrient management and fertilizer recommendation
2. Nutrient cycling and sustainable utilization of cropland

Funding Contents

The grant includes international travelling expenses for round-trip and scholarships for living costs of studying abroad (\$3,000 for round-trip flight tickets plus \$1,800 per month for living costs). CAAS is in charge of the airfares and IPNI is responsible for living costs.

Applicant Criteria & Requirements

As a rule, the applicants must satisfy the following requirements for admission:

- ✧ Enthusiasm for motherland, good political quality, no violation records;
- ✧ Besides Chinese nationality, the applicants should be official staffs of plant nutrition innovation, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, post doctors or excellent graduate students;
- ✧ Good professional basis and development potential, and extraordinary performance in the work and study;
- ✧ Physical and mental health;
- ✧ Less than 35 years old;
- ✧ English level of the applicants should achieve the requirements of China Scholarship Council on selected personnel of studying abroad” or achieve CET 6 level.
- ✧ The application must be approved by the Academic Committee of the Joint Lab. The applicant must get through the English test and professional interview by the Joint Lab and host institution.

Application, Assessment & Admission

The selection procedure goes through “individual application, recommendation from supervisor or institute, expert review, admission”. The qualified applicants should apply for admission according to the procedure, with the agreement of the affiliated institute.

The Joint Lab would arrange relevant experts to review the details of the applicants, and make the final admission list according to the experts’ comments. Applicants can view their application status via website of Joint Lab (<http://www.ipni.net/ipniweb/portal/caas.nsf>).

Dispatch & Management

1. The admitted applicant must go abroad within the validity period agreed by two sides. The qualification will be canceled once over the period.
2. The applicant should sign the agreement based on the management rules of the Joint Lab, and must compensate if breaking the agreement.
3. The applicant must obey local laws, regulations, and the relevant provisions while studying abroad.
4. The applicant must obey the management rules of the Joint Lab and embassy in foreign countries, and submit regular research status report to the Joint Lab, and finally fulfill the obligations of returning back on time after the committed duration.