



# ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship - Information for applicants

## Background

Through a generous endowment of funds from [CSIRO](#), [ICRAR](#) and the [Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources](#) (DISR), ACAMAR has funding to sponsor distinguished researchers to make extended visits to Australia and enhance collaborations on areas of common interest within astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology.

The program focuses on the SKA with at least two-thirds of the funding expended on SKA-related activities in Western Australia.

## Aims

The ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship 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.

## The Fellowship visit

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to visit Australia for up to three months and are encouraged to visit multiple institutions. ACAMAR will offer the successful applicants financial support for travel and living expenses of up to \$15k per applicant. Co-investment from the Host Institution will be highly valued.

Applicants are responsible for securing the approval of their home institutions/organisations to undertake the ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship. This includes securing a visa to visit Australia or China and authorisation to conduct collaborative research.

## Visiting Fellow responsibilities

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.

Successful applicants are encouraged to keep in mind the following responsibilities before, during, and after the visit:

### 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. You can see examples of success stories shared on our website [here](#) and [here](#).

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

## How to apply

Applications should be emailed to: [kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au](mailto:kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au) and include the following documents:

1. ACAMAR Visiting Fellowship Application Form [LINK]
2. Applicant CV
3. Supporting letter from the proposed Host Institution.

Applications close at 11pm AEDT on Sunday 26 November.

## For more information

Please see the [ACAMAR Visiting Fellowships webpage](#) or contact ACAMAR secretariat in Australia or China with any questions:

- Australian secretariat: Kate Barnard [kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au](mailto:kate.barnard@astronomyaustralia.org.au)
- Chinese secretariat: Dr Lin Li [lilin@pmo.ac.cn](mailto:lilin@pmo.ac.cn)