

Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action “Mountains as Sentinels of Change - 2015”

National Annex: China

Partners: This call is supported by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC).

Notice: Depending on all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, the budget earmarked by the participating NSFC for this call will be up to 1M Euros (according to exchange rates at time of funding).

The official national call announcement for China will be published on the *NSFC* website (i.e. www.nsf.gov.cn). Details of the call and the application process are provided via the www.igfagcr.org and www.bfgo.org websites. Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application. For Chinese enquiries please see below.

Eligibility and national funding modalities: Applicants must be the permanent employed researchers residing in China and affiliated with a recognised higher education or research institution which registers in NSFC. The Chinese applicant must possess an academic title of professor or associate professor and must be the PI of an on-going or completed NSFC research grant which duration is more than 3 years. Please read the Chinese version of guidelines for details on the eligibility for Chinese applicants. Each proposal requires eligible participants from at least three countries. The research data should be submitted to data management center designated by NSFC in the last funding year.

The funding size of granted projects will depend on the budget of each fiscal year. Subject to quality of proposals, NSFC is anticipated to fund up to 3-5 projects in all the five themes (i.e. ***Drivers of Change, Ecosystem and Biodiversity, Water, Hazards, Vulnerability and Risks and Adaptation and Resilience***). The total budget covers all the expense of research cost, seminar/workshop costs, international cooperation and exchange and others.

It is expected that applications to this call will be Collaborative Research Grants with the consortium composition as defined in the call document, and NSFC will fund the Chinese partner of any successful trans-national collaboration.

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