ACADEMY OF
THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
IN AUSTRALIA

Australia- CASS (China) joint-action program

Application form

1. Research grants

In 2018, at least four grants will be awarded to four teams of social scientists from Australia and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The intent of the grant is to provide Australian and CASS scholars the opportunity to begin new collaboration of interest to both parties. The grant is particularly suited to young scholars who wish to investigate a research opportunity with an international colleague and pursue preliminary study that could lead to a major research project. It calls for researchers to submit a short statement indicating their interest and willingness in starting up a new research project with an overseas partner having similar interests. Cross-disciplinary proposals are welcome. Working together on a single project, the grant can be expended throughout 2018 to meet costs such as air travel, accommodation, digital conferencing and other means of communicating between Australia, China or a relevant third-country location.

In 2018, six priority topics have been identified and will be the focus of the selection criterion:

1. Urban Development
2. Impact of Technology on Society
3. Population and /or Migration
4. Environmental Protection
5. Regional Security and Cooperation
6. National Development Measures and Evaluation

1.1. Applicant requirements

Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia is encouraging the participation of **early-career researchers**, so at least one participant needs to be not more than 8 years beyond completing a PhD. A further requirement is that each application contains at least one Australian based and one CASS-based researcher. Work may be undertaken on each grant project at any time during calendar year 2018.

1.2. Application

Applicants should submit application forms signed by both Australian and CASS applicants after mutual communication, to ASSA and the Bureau of International Cooperation, CASS respectively. A letter of confirmation in support of an application is required by the due date. ASSA and CASS may use different application forms. Any application without mutual communication in advance by applicants from two sides and/or submitted by one side will not be taken as effective.

1.3. Assessment

Assessment for applications will be carried out separately by ASSA and CASS according to their internal process. Final awards will be approved by mutual consent and given to those who rank high in the assessment of both sides.

With approval from ASSA and CASS, each project application will be awarded $7,000 AUD to be shared by the Australian scholars and ¥25,000 RMB to be shared by the CASS scholars.

Australian scholars will receive their half of each grant directly from ASSA by 1 March 2018 at the latest.

1.4. Deadline

Applications are due to Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia by **Monday, 30 October 2017**.

Academic selection of grant awards will be completed by **Monday, 11 December 2017,** with participants being notified by both Academies as soon as possible.

1.5. Conclusion of grants

A brief report on the expenditure of funds as well as a 1500 – 2000 word article suitable for publication will be due by no later than 31 March 2019. Publications resulting from this program will also be welcomed.

1.6. Contact

For enquiries or to submit completed application forms please contact:

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2. 2018 application for Australia-CASS joint-action project funding

This application form is for funding in 2018 from the *Australia- CASS Joint-action Program*

Mailto: murray.radcliffe@assa.edu.au which provides grants of up to AU$7000 to offset the face-to face collaboration costs for a project of up to one year which is jointly run by a minimum of one Australian and one CASS researcher.

2.1. Part 1 - Project leaders (*The applicants*)

Please use the font size setting in each cell, or Arial ten point font throughout.

Applicant #1 – Australia	
Surname	
First name/s	
Title	
Discipline/ Field of Study	

Institutional affiliation

Contact details

Email	
Phone/ Mobile	
Org./Admin Phone	
Address	

Applicant #2 –CASS	
Surname	
First name/s	
Title	
Discipline/ Field of Study	

Institutional affiliation

Contact details

Email	
Phone/ Mobile	
Org./Admin Phone	
Address	

3. Part 2 – Project details

2.1. Title of project

2.2. Start and end date of project

Projects should be no of more than one year's duration.

Applications for projects which form part of a larger research endeavour are welcomed by Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and its partners.

Consult the program guidelines for the beginning and end of the funding round to which you are applying.

Start		**End**	

2.3. Total grant requested (AU$)

The total grant available for this scheme is AU$7000.

2.4. Research question(s) to be addressed

2.5. Summary of proposed research

Please supply up to 150 words describing your proposed research project.

2.6. Early Career Researcher (ECR)?

Please indicate by: Surname (Year of admission to the degree of PhD), whether any of the project leaders (Applicants, Part 1) or other contributors is an Early Career Researcher (up to **8** years post-PhD).

2.7. Research proposal

Briefly describe the aims of the project, its context, and the methodology to be used. Describe how the research will be carried out, for example, research visits and fieldwork.

Extend to additional sheets if necessary to a maximum of 2 pages.

3. Part 3 – Project participants

3.1. Project leader *(Australia)*

Name & title	

3.2. Language proficiency

Specify ***where relevant*** for languages other than English.

N = None / P = Poor / A = Adequate / G = Good / E = Excellent

Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English			
Mandarin			
Other (if relevant)			

3.3. Summary of academic qualifications and/or career, in particular as they relate to this project

3.4. Publications. *(To a maximum of 5 list principal publications**, relevant to this project**)*

3.5. Project leader *(CASS)*

Name & title	

3.6. Language proficiency

Specify ***where relevant*** for languages other than French.

N = None / P = Poor / A = Adequate / G = Good / E = Excellent

Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English			
Mandarin			
Other (if relevant)			

3.7. Summary of academic qualifications and/or career, in particular as they relate to this project

3.8. Publications. *(To a maximum of 5 list principal publications, **relevant to this project**)*

4. Part 4 – Finance

4.1. Have either of the project leaders sought other funding for the project? Give details

4.2. Please indicate the names of the major funding organizations to which you intend to apply, with the support of the results from the proposed project?

5. Part 5 - References

5.1. References

Each applicant is asked to provide a *short* 'Letter of Confirmation' from a supervisor, or referee, in support of the application by the closing date. Letters should not exceed one A4 page. Where one referee can speak for both applicants, one Letter of Confirmation will suffice. It is the responsibility of the applicants to ensure that Letters of Confirmation are received by the due date. Acceptable formats include as email attachment with electronic signature, as a fax, or by mail.

Name & title	
Position	
Organisation	
Relationship to applicant	

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6. Part 6 – Agreements

6.1. Agreements

Check the boxes (☒) to acknowledge the following:

We understand that successful applicants will need to arrange for the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia to be invoiced for the funding prior to the commencement of the project, and by **no later than Friday 2 March 2018**.	☐

We understand that successful applicants must provide a brief on the project which may be published on the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia website.	☐

We understand that successful applicants must provide an article, suitable for publication, of between 1500 and 2000 words by 31 March 2018. The article is to provide background, findings, conclusions and commentary of the impact this research can have on public policy in Australia and/or in China.	☐

6.2. Confirmation

We confirm the information provided in this application is complete and accurate, and we accept all terms, conditions and notices contained in the information for applicants at http://www.assa.edu.au/programs/international/bilateral

	Date	

	Date	

Electronic submission with digital versions of applicants signatures are accepted by the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.