

2024 Call for Proposals on CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project

According to the *Regulation of the CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project (Trial)* and ANSO Secretariat's annual plan, the 2024 Call for Proposals on the CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project is open now. Relevant information is provided as follows:

1. Introduction

The CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project aims to promote sustainable economic and social development, contribute to the advancement of high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, and explore a co-funding mechanism. It encourages the Alliance of National and International Science Organizations for the Belt and Road Regions' (ANSO) Member organizations to jointly engage in scientific, technological, and innovative research cooperation with the institutes of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

2. Priorities Areas

We highly encourage CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project ideas and proposals focusing on the following areas (including but not limited to):

- 1) **Agriculture and Food Security:** Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Agricultural Resources, Agricultural Biotechnology, Agricultural Information Technology (including Precision Agriculture and Smart Agriculture), Agricultural Facilities and Agricultural Machinery, Agricultural Products Processing and Storage, etc., etc.
- 2) **Green Technology:** innovative technologies and tech-transfer in the areas of high relevance to livelihood, such as Clean Water, Clean Energy, Circular Economy, Environmental Protection, Decarbonization and Net-zero Carbon Emission, etc.

3. Principles and Advice

- 1) The Proponent's Affiliations refer to the ANSO Member organizations outside of mainland China (see Attachment 2 for reference), or the prestigious scientific research institutions the ANSO Members recommend in the respective countries. Each Member organization (including international organizations) can recommend **no more than two** project proposals.
- 2) The project shall involve at least two countries (including the one where the Proponent's Affiliation is located) and must include an institution affiliated with CAS. Multilateral cooperation is also encouraged.
- 3) The Principal Investigator (PI) should be a currently employed scholar of an ANSO Member Organization outside of mainland China, with a certain academic influence in the relevant field, maintaining a long-term and solid collaborative foundation with a CAS institute. The PI's age shall be no more than **55** years old, holding an associate professional title or above, and possessing rich experience in international cooperation.
- 4) At least one of the Chinese collaborators shall be a full-time employed scholar from a CAS institute. He/she must be a Chinese citizen, aged no more than 55 years old, and holding an associate professional title or above. The Chinese collaborator(s) should not be leading any ongoing ANSO projects (except for ANSO International Network) and the CAS international collaborative projects with a funding of one million yuan or more.

4. Co-funding Mechanism

The CAS-ANSO Co-funding mechanism includes various forms, such as financial support, venues, personnel, partner resources, and material resources. During the application stage, it is necessary to provide a Support Letter for CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project (Attachment 3). There are two options available:

- 1) Financial Support: Including the total amount of the fund, the name of the account, other bank account details, etc.
Additionally, a commitment should be made that the funding will be transferred to the account within one year of project operation.
- 2) Non-financial Support: Including detailed information corresponding to the specific method.

5. Funding

- 1) Amount: Max. **200,000 USD** per project from ANSO. (For a proponent's affiliation: Max. **150,000 USD**; for a CAS institute: Max. **50,000 USD**)
- 2) Duration: 3 Years.

6. Application Materials

- 1) Please fill up the Support Letter of CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project (Attachment 3), which needs to be reviewed, recommended, and submitted by ANSO Member organizations outside of mainland China.
- 2) Please submit the materials to the ANSO Secretariat at anso-crpp@anso.org.cn for ANSO Member organizations. The naming format for the email and the materials should be "CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project Application Materials: Name of the Proponent's Affiliation + Number of Projects".
- 3) The submission deadline is **June 20th, 2024**. No further applications will be accepted after this time.

7. Contact

If you have any inquiries, please contact us for more information:
Email: anso-crpp@anso.org.cn

Attachments:

Attachment 1. Regulation of the CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project (Trial)

Attachment 2. List of ANSO 78 Members and Governing Board Members. pdf

Attachment 3. Support Letter of CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project

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