**2023 ASSA-CASS JOINT ACTION PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION FORM**

1. Research Grants

In 2023, four grants will be awarded to teams of social scientists from Australia and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The grant is intended to provide Australian and CASS researchers the opportunity to collaborate in areas of shared interest. It is suited to early-career researchers who wish to pursue research opportunities with an international colleague, with the intention this may lead to larger research projects. To apply, researchers must submit a proposal to conduct research with an overseas partner having similar interests. The work undertaken on the project may involve online or in-person meetings. Proposals with an interdisciplinary character are encouraged. The grant can be expended throughout 2023 on the costs associated with the project which may include, but are not limited to, air travel, accommodation, data collection, and conference-related costs.

The following topics have been identified as priorities for the 2023 program:

1. Urban Development
2. Population and/or Migration
3. Environmental Protection
4. Regional Security and Cooperation
5. National Development Measures and Evaluation
6. New Developments in IT Communication and Commerce
7. The Social and Linguistic Study of Human Settlement in Asia
   1. Applicant requirements

Each application must contain at least one researcher from Australia and one from CASS. As the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA) encourages the participation of early-career researchers, one applicant must be fewer than eight years beyond the completion of their PhD. The Academy recognises career interruptions can have a significant impact on the period between conferral of a researcher’s PhD and the submission of an application. The Academy therefore allows extension of the eligibility periods for specified career interruptions.

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| **Reason for career interruption** | **Time which can be claimed (minimum period of one month)** |
| International relocation | Time commensurate with the interruption, not exceeding three months per international relocation. |
| Child-care as primary carer (includes periods of parental leave as well as part-time work while caring for one or more children) | Up to two years per dependent child |
| Other caring responsibilities (including care of a dependent child due to illness or disability) | Time commensurate with the interruption. |
| Medical condition or disability | Time commensurate with the interruption. |
| Non-research employment (if not concurrent with research employment) or unemployment | Time commensurate with the interruption. |

The following significant and non-overlapping career interruptions will be eligible:

* 1. Application

For an application to be valid, applicants from both ASSA and CASS must communicate and agree to apply together ahead of submitting their applications. A letter of confirmation in support of an applicant is also required as part of a valid application. Signed application forms must be submitted separately to both ASSA and to the Bureau of International Cooperation of CASS. Applicants are advised to contact the Bureau of International Cooperation of CASS to obtain the relevant CASS application form and submission procedures. Assessment for applications is carried out by ASSA and CASS separately, with grants awarded to applications ranking highly in the assessment of both.

With approval from ASSA and CASS, each successful project application will be awarded $7,000 AUD to be shared by the Australian scholars and ¥35,000 RMB to be shared by the CASS scholars.

* 1. Deadline

Applications are due to ASSA by **Monday 1 November 2022**. Applications will be decided by the end of December 2022, with participants being notified by ASSA and CASS as soon as is practicable.

* 1. Invoice

Successful applicants must invoice ASSA for the funding prior to the commencement of the project, and by no later than 31 May 2023.

* 1. Conclusion of grants

Successful applicants must submit a report of the research activities funded by the program and an acquittal of funding expenditure by no later than 31 March 2024.

The report should be approximately 2000 words in length. It must outline the objectives and details of international visits or meetings, project outcomes, and research findings to date, progress in the international collaboration undertaken more generally, directions for future research, and any other details of interest.

* 1. Contact

For more information, or to submit a completed application, please contact:

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Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

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1. 2023 ASSA-CASS Joint Action Project Application
   1. Project leaders

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| **Australian applicant** | | **CASS applicant** | |
| **Full name** |  | **Full name** |  |
| **Discipline** |  | **Discipline** |  |
| **Institution** |  | **Institution** |  |
| **Email** |  | **Email** |  |
| **Phone** |  | **Phone** |  |
| **Address** |  | **Address** |  |

* 1. Start and end date of project

Projects should be no more than one year’s duration. ASSA welcomes applications for projects which form part of a larger researches. See program guidelines for the beginning and end dates of the funding round.

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| **Start date** |  | **End date** |  |

* 1. Total grant requested

The total grant available for this scheme is AUD $7,000.

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* 1. Early-career researcher

Please indicate the name and year of PhD award of any early-career researchers involved in the project. Please also include any eligible career interruptions as outlined in the table above.

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* 1. Title of project

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* 1. Research question

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* 1. Short summary of proposed research

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* 1. Research proposal

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| Describe the project’s aims, value and relevance, and any planned research visits, fieldwork, etc. |

1. Project Participants
   1. ASSA project leader

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| **Name** |  |

* 1. Language proficiency (Rated 1-10)

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| **Language** | **Speaking** | **Reading** | **Writing** |
| **English** |  |  |  |
| **Mandarin** |  |  |  |
| **Other** |  |  |  |

* 1. Summary of academic qualifications, career, and publications as they relate to this project

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* 1. CASS project leader

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| **Name** |  |

* 1. Language proficiency (Rated 1-10)

Where relevant, specify for languages other than English and Mandarin.

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| **Language** | **Speaking** | **Reading** | **Writing** |
| **English** |  |  |  |
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| **Other** |  |  |  |

* 1. Summary of academic qualifications, career, and publications as they relate to this project

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1. Finance

Please provide details of any other funding the project leaders have sought for the project, and names of funding organisations the project leaders intend to apply for other funding from:

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1. References

Each applicant must provide a short Letter of Confirmation from a supervisor or referee in support of the application. Letters should not exceed one page. Where one referee can speak for both applicants, one Letter will suffice. Applicants must ensure the Letter is submitted in a timely manner.

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| **ASSA applicant referee:** | | **CASS applicant referee:** | |
| **Name** |  | **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  | **Position** |  |
| **Organisation** |  | **Organisation** |  |
| **Relationship to applicant** |  | **Relationship to applicant** |  |

1. Agreement

We understand applications close Monday 1 November 2022, and that a separate application form must be submitted to CASS, with notification of outcomes to all applicants being made as soon as is practicable.

We understand that successful applicants must invoice ASSA for the grant by no later than Monday 31 May 2023.

We understand successful applicants must provide an acquittal of funding expenditure and a report of the research activities funded by the program. The ~2,000 word report outlining the objectives and details of international visits or meetings, project outcomes, research findings to date, progress in the international collaboration undertaken more generally, and directions for future research, is due by 31 March 2024.

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: <https://socialsciences.org.au/international-program/>

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| **CASS project leader** |  | **Date** |  |
| ☐ I wish to be added to the Academy’s monthly mailing list to receive communications about further grants, awards, activities and opportunities with the Academy. | | | |

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| **ASSA project leader** |  | **Date** |  |
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