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Call for 2016 International Students Programs

1. Introduction

The Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) is a national research organization for scientific research, technology transfer and education in agriculture. It is always striving to provide solutions to a broad range of challenges in sustaining agricultural development through innovative research and technology transfer. For detailed information about CAAS , please visit the CAAS website at <http://www.caas.net.cn/en>.

The Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GSCAAS) is a higher education institution mainly focusing on graduate education. As the education arm of CAAS, GSCAAS has been ranked among China's first-class graduate schools with its overall competitiveness in the disciplines of agriculture. It offers 65 Master's and 53 Doctoral programs, of which 49 programs are offered to international students through 34 institutes of CAAS. The duration of study usually last for 3 years for respective Master's and Doctoral program. Certificates of graduation and degrees will be awarded to those who have met the requirements of graduation and degree conferment. The instruction languages are mostly English or Chinese-English bilingually in graduate training.

The Ministry of Education authorized GACAAS to enroll international students in 2007. Now GSCAAS offers its students various scholarships including the Chinese Government Scholarship (CGS), the Beijing Government Scholarship (BGS) and the GSCAAS Scholarship (GSCAASS). It has also launched two joint PhD programs in collaboration with University of Liege in Belgium, and Wageningen University in the Netherlands. Now 155 international students from 46 countries are studying at GSCAAS, of which 80% are pursuing doctoral degrees. GSCAAS is speeding up its international education and welcomes all ambitious and outstanding students worldwide to pursue higher degree in GSCAAS.

2. Categories of Study

(1) Master Student

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- (2) Ph.D. Student
 - (3) Visiting Scholar
 - (4) Senior Visiting Scholar

3. Programs

- (1) Microbiology *
- (2) Biochemistry and Molecular Biology *
- (3) Biophysics*
- (4) Bioinformatics *
- (5) Agroecology *
- (6) Protected Agriculture and Ecological Engineering *
- (7) Agricultural Meteorology and Climate Change*
- (8) Regional Development *
- (9) Agricultural Water-Soil Engineering *
- (10) Agricultural Bio-environment and Energy Engineering
- (11) Food Science
- (12) Processing and Storage of Agricultural Products
- (13) Agricultural Products Processing *
- (14) Agro-products Quality and Food Safety *
- (15) Crop Cultivation and Farming System *
- (16) Crop Genetics and Breeding *
- (17) Crop Germplasm Resources *
- (18) Medicinal Plant Resources*
- (19) Agro-products Processing and Utilization *
- (20) Pomology *
- (21) Vegetable Science *
- (22) Tea Science *
- (23) Ornamental Horticulture *
- (24) Soil Science *
- (25) Plant Nutrition*
- (26) Agricultural Water Resource and its Environment *
- (27) Agricultural Remote Sensing*
- (28) Agricultural Environmental Science *
- (29) Plant Pathology *
- (30) Agricultural Entomology and Pest Control *
- (31) Pesticide Science *
- (32) Weed Science *

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- (33) Invasion Biology *
 - (34) GMO Safety *
 - (35) Biological Control *
 - (36) Animal Genetics, Breeding and Reproduction *
 - (37) Animal Nutrition and Feed Science *
 - (38) Special Animals Rearing (including Silkworm, Honeybees, etc.) *
 - (39) Environmental Science & Engineering of Livestock and Poultry*
 - (40) Preventive Veterinary Science *
 - (41) Chinese Traditional Veterinary Science *
 - (42) Veterinary Pharmaceuticals *
 - (43) Utilization and Conservation of Grassland Resource *
 - (44) Forage Genetics, Breeding and Seed Science *
 - (45) Forage Production and Utilization *
 - (46) Agricultural Economics & Management *
 - (47) International Agricultural Trade *
 - (48) Agricultural Information Management *
 - (49) Agricultural Information Analytics *

Note: * means PhD Program.

4. Fees and Scholarships

4.1 Application Fee, Tuition, and Costs:

(1) Application Fee:

Master Student / Ph.D. Student: 600 Yuan /person. Visiting scholar/Senior Visiting Scholar: 400 Yuan/person

(2) Tuition:

Master Student / Visiting Scholar: 30,000 RMB/person/year. Ph.D. Student /Senior Visiting Scholar: 40,000 RMB/person/year. The yearly tuition must be paid at the beginning of each academic year.

(3) **Hospitalization Insurance:** RMB 800/year;

(4) **Accommodation** (double room): 1500 RMB /month for one student ;

Note: Students with Scholarships will follow the terms specified in the Scholarship Program.

4.2 Scholarships

(1) The Chinese Government Scholarship (CGS)

Applicants who apply for the Chinese Government Scholarships are required to apply to GSCAAS before 31 March,2016 or directly apply to the Chinese Embassy or qualified agent in his/her country. Please refer to the website of

www.csc.edu.cn for more details about the Scholarship.

- A fee waiver of registration, tuition, laboratory experiments, internship, and basic textbooks. Cost of experiments or internships beyond the program curriculum is at student's own expense. Cost of books or learning materials other than required basic textbooks is at student's own expense.
- Free on-campus dormitory accommodation.
- Living allowance (per month):
 - ✧ master's students & general scholars: 3,000 RMB;
 - ✧ Doctoral students & senior scholars: 3,500 RMB.
- One-off settlement subsidy after registration for new students;
- Fee for Comprehensive Medical Insurance and Protection Scheme for International Students in China.

(2) The Beijing Government Scholarship(BGS)

BGS is established by Beijing Government to sponsor international students and scholars with outstanding academic performance to pursue higher degree in Beijing. The winners of BGS are exempt from full or partial tuition for the specific academic year. GSCAAS Supervisor will provide research assistant fellowship and accommodation fee of on-campus dormitory for the international student. Those who have received scholarship from Chinese government are not eligible for Beijing Government Scholarship.

(3) The Graduate School of CAAS Scholarship (GSCAASS).

GSCAASS is established by GSCAAS to sponsor international students and scholars with outstanding academic performance to pursue higher degree in CAAS. The winners are exempt from full or partial tuition for the specific academic year. GSCAAS Supervisor will support research assistant fellowship (1500 RMB for master's student per month, 2500 RMB for doctoral students per month) and accommodation fee of on-campus dormitory for the international student. Those who have received scholarships from Chinese government or Beijing government are not eligible for the scholarship.

(4) Other Scholarships

GSCAAS welcomes international students/scholars supported by international organization, foreign governments, research institutions, universities and organizations, to pursue higher degree in GSCAAS.

5. Application Guidance

5.1 Qualifications of Applicants

- (1) Non-Chinese citizens;
- (2) healthy and willing to abide by the Chinese laws and decrees;
- (3) Education and age requirements as follows:

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- Master's programs: holding a Bachelor's degree and under the age of 35;
 - Doctoral programs: holding a Master's degree and under the age of 45;
 - Visiting Scholar: having at least two years of undergraduate studies and under the age of 45;
 - Senior Visiting Scholar: holding Master's or higher degree or academic titles of associate professor or higher, and under the age of 50.
- (4) English and/or Chinese proficiency is required for instruction.

5.2 Application Documents

- (1) Application Form for Study in CAAS (Download the attachment);
- (2) Photocopy of passport (at least 2 years validity) personal information page;
- (3) Highest diploma (notarized photocopy);
- (4) Academic transcripts of the most advanced studies (notarized photocopy);
- (5) Two reference letters from at least two Professors or experts with equal titles in related fields;
- (6) A study or research plan (no less than 400 words for visiting study, no less than 500 words for postgraduates);
- (7) Photocopies of degree thesis abstract and representative academic papers;
- (8) Verification of current employer or working unit;
- (9) Application Fee (charged after admission).

Note: All application documents and admission fee are non-refundable regardless of the applicant's admission status.

5.3. Application Deadline

(1) Applicants who apply for the Chinese Government Scholarship (CGS) and Beijing Government Scholarship (BGS) are required to submit application documents by 30 April, 2016 for enrollment of autumn semester.

(2) Applicants who apply for the Graduate School of CAAS Scholarship (GSCAASS) are required to submit application documents by 31 December, 2015 for enrollment of spring semester and by 31 May, 2016 for enrollment of autumn semester.

6. Approval and Notification

GSCAASS will review all the application materials and send the Admission Notice and Visa Application Form for Study In China (Form JW201/JW202) to the qualified applicants by 15 January, 2016 for enrollment of spring semester and by 15 July, 2016 for enrollment of autumn semester.

The application will be considered as invalid and will not be processed if the

applicants are not qualified or the application materials are inconsistent with the recruitment regulations or are incomplete.

7. Visa Application

International students should apply for X or F visa to study in China at the Chinese embassy or consulate-general with the original documents and one set of photocopies of the Admission Notice, Visa Application Form for Study In China (Form JW201/JW202) and Foreigner Physical Examination Form (original copy and photocopy) and valid ordinary passport.

Incomplete records or those without the signature of the attending physician, official stamp of the hospital or a sealed photograph of the applicants are invalid. The medical examination results are valid only for six months. All applicants are kindly requested to take this factor into consideration while determining the time to take the medical examination.

8. Registration

International students must register with GSCAAS at the time specified in the Admission Notice along with the above-mentioned documents for Visa. Those who are unable to register on time must seek written permission from the Graduate School of CAAS in advance.

9. Duration of Study and Degree Conferral

The duration of study for Master and Ph.D. degrees is three years. Applicants who pass the required courses and thesis defense will be conferred with relevant degrees.

The duration of visiting study normally is less than two years. Applicants who complete the study or research plan will be awarded with a visiting study certificate of GSCAAS.

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