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Solicitation of Joint Research Projects for CAS-CONICYT Postdoctoral Program 2018

Dear Colleagues,

The CAS-CONICYT Postdoctoral Fellowship program has been implemented since 2014 and had successfully admitted a total of 15 Fellows. This Fellowship was established under the guidelines of a 2013 MoU between the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the National Commission of Scientific and Technological Research of Chile (CONICYT), which has been renewed in 2016, and supports early-career scientists to work at Chilean or Chinese astronomical institutions for up to three years. Now we would like to invite **joint research projects for CAS-CONICYT Postdoc Fellows** from both Chinese and Chilean astronomy communities. The Fellowship positions will be announced by CONICYT around September 2018.

Research projects for Postdoc Fellows may be submitted by scientists of either Chinese or Chilean institutions. They can be in any area of astronomical research appropriate for a postdoc fellow to pursuit, including observation, instrumental development, and theory, but need to have some elements that involve China-Chile collaborations in astronomy. **No fund will be awarded to the proposers**, and the proposals *can not* name any potential candidate or put special limitation on prospective applicants. Successfully submitted proposals will be compiled into a **Guide for prospective Fellowship applicants** in their application process. Please note that CAS-CONICYT Postdoc Fellowship is open to all candidates from around the world, and prospective applicants, while encouraged to consider research projects in the Guide, are not limited to working on the proposed research.

The proposal submission is encouraged to be before 20th September 2018, and is accepted until the deadline of postdoc application (around October), to be included in this year's Guide. All proposals must be submitted to CASSACA (cassaca@qq.com) in electronic form (i.e. pdf or Word files) and successful submission will be properly acknowledged. CASSACA will communicate with the proposer on the submitted proposals if necessary, and the admitted proposals will be made public at the CASSACA web site (www.cassaca.org). We strongly encourage your participation and thank you for your support.

All proposals should include the following elements (items 1 and 2 will be part of the Guide for Postdocs):

- 1) Research subject title and an abstract (<1000 words,)
- 2) Project proposer, his/her collaborator and host institutions in Chile and/or China
- 3) A brief Scientific Justification, Chile-China connection, and any other relevant information
- 4) Implementation details including expected project duration (two years or three years, with a maximum of 2 years in Chile and the rest time in China)
- 5) CV(s) of the project's leader(s) and list of their publications relevant to the proposal