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Subject: **UNESCO/The People's Republic of China - the Great Wall
Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme 2026-2027**

ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I am pleased to inform you that the Government of the People's Republic of China and UNESCO will co-sponsor a total number of seventy-five (75) fellowships in various fields of study for the academic year 2026-2027. Among these fellowships, **twenty-seven (27)** vacancies will be open for new recruitment to candidates from 135 developing Member States in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Europe and Arab region. Please see the list of Member States invited to submit candidatures in the Annex I of the enclosed *Application Guidelines*.

Available at numerous Chinese universities, these fellowships are intended for the students and researchers who wish to pursue **postgraduate degree studies** or undertake **one-year visiting scholar programmes** in China. The duration and criteria vary, depending on the type of study programme selected. The enclosed *Application Guidelines* provides detailed information regarding the eligibility requirements and submission procedures.

Each invited Member State can submit **two (2) candidatures at the maximum**, and one of them should be woman. Candidatures should be submitted as prescribed in the *Application Guidelines*, to allow the authorities of the donor government to select the most qualified candidates.

Given the high priority that UNESCO places on Gender Equality, Africa and SIDS, women candidates and candidates from Africa and SIDS are strongly encouraged to apply.

We would be most grateful if you could submit the candidatures, with letters of nomination and the application documents of the nominated candidates by e-mail to thegreatwall@unesco.org by **10 February 2026** at the latest.

Should you need further information, please contact the National Commission and Fellowships Unit by e-mail at the address mentioned above.



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Enclosure:

Application Guidelines for the UNESCO/the People's Republic of China - the Great Wall Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme 2026-2027