ASSA-CASS Joint Action Program

Application Form

1.   Research grants

In 2019, at least 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 interest to both parties. The grant is particularly suited to younger researchers who wish to investigate a research opportunity with an international colleague, and pursue preliminary study which could lead to a larger research project. It calls for researchers to submit a short statement indicating their interest in a new research project with an overseas partner having similar interests. Proposals which encompass multiple disciplines are welcome. The grant can be expended throughout 2019 on costs such as air travel, accommodation, digital conferencing, and other means of communicating between Australia, China, and any other relevant locations.

The following topics have been identified as priorities for the 2019 program:

1. Urban Development
2. Impact of Technology on Society
3. Population
4. Migration and Immigration
5. Environmental Protection
6. Regional Security and Cooperation
7. National Development Measures and Evaluation
8. New Developments in IT Communication and Commerce

1.1.   Applicant requirements

The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA) encourages the participation of early career researchers. So at least one participant must be fewer than eight years beyond the completion of their PhD. Additionally, each application must contain at least one researcher from Australia and one from CASS. Work may be undertaken on each grant project at any time during calendar year 2019.

1.2.   Application

Applicants should submit application forms—signed by both Australian and CASS applicants—to ASSA on one hand, and the Bureau of International Cooperation of CASS on the other. A letter of confirmation in support of an application is required by the due date. ASSA and CASS may use different application forms. Any application made without mutual communication in advance by applicants from two sides will not be taken as effective—likewise applications submitted by one side only.

1.3.   Assessment

Assessment for applications will be carried out separately by ASSA and CASS according to their own respective internal processes. Final awards will be approved by mutual consent and given to those who rank highly in the assessment of both sides.

With approval from ASSA and CASS, each project application will be awarded $7,000 AUD to be shared by the Australian scholars and ¥25,000 RMB to be shared by the CASS scholars.

Australian scholars will receive their half of each grant directly from ASSA by 1st March 2019.

1.4.   Deadline

Applications are due to ASSA by Wednesday, 31st October 2018.

Academic selection of grant awards will be completed by Monday, 17th December 2018, with participants being notified by both Academies as soon as is practicable.

1.5.   Invoice

Successful applicants will need to arrange for ASSA to be invoiced for the funding prior to the commencement of the project, and by no later than Friday, 1st March 2019.

1.6.   Conclusion of grants

A brief acquittal of funding expenditure, as well as a 1,500-2,000 word article suitable for publication on ASSA's website (www.assa.edu.au) is due by Tuesday, 31st March 2020. Publications resulting from this program will also be welcomed.

1.7.   Contact

For enquiries or to submit completed application forms please contact:

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2. 2019 Application for ASSA-CASS Joint Action Project Funding

This application form is for funding in 2019 from the *ASSA-CASS Joint Action Program* which provides grants of up to AUD $7000 to offset the face-to face collaboration costs for a project of up to one year which is jointly run by a minimum of one Australian and one CASS researcher.

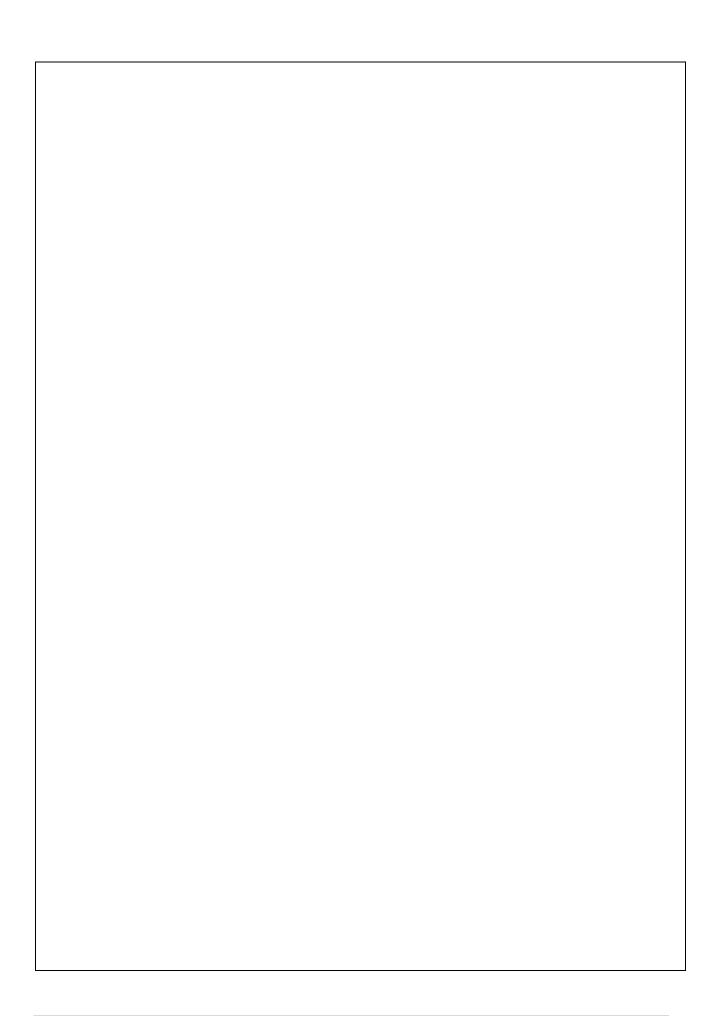## 2.1. Project leaders (*The applicants*)

Applicant #1—Australia	
Surname	
First name/s	
Title	
Discipline/ Field of Study	

Institutional affiliation

Contact details

Email	
Phone/ Mobile	
Org./Admin Phone	
Address	

Applicant #2—CASS	
Surname	
First name/s	
Title	
Discipline/ Field of Study	

Institutional affiliation

Contact details

Email	
Phone/ Mobile	
Org./Admin Phone	
Address	

2.1.   Title of project

2.2.   Start and end date of project

Projects should be no more than one year's duration.

Applications for projects which form part of a larger research endeavour are welcomed by Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and its partners.

See program guidelines for the beginning and end dates of the funding round to which you are applying.

Start		**End**	

2.3.   Total grant requested *(AUD $)*

The total grant available for this scheme is AUD $7000.

2.4.   Research question(s) to be addressed

2.5.   Summary of proposed research

Please provide up to 150 words describing your proposed research project.

2.6.   Early Career Researcher (ECR)?

Please indicate by: Surname (year of admission to the degree of PhD); whether any of the project leaders (Applicants, Part 1) or other contributors is an Early Career Researcher (up to 8 years post-PhD).

2.7.   Research proposal

Briefly describe the aims of the project, its context, and the methodology to be used. Describe how the research will be carried out—for example, research visits, fieldwork, and so on.

Extend to additional sheets if necessary to a maximum of 2 pages.

3. Project Participants

3.1. Project leader *(Australia)*

Name & title	

3.2. Language proficiency

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

N = None / P = Poor / A = Adequate / G = Good / E = Excellent

Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English			
Mandarin			
Other (if relevant)			

3.3. Summary of academic qualifications and/or career, in particular as they relate to this project

3.4.   Publications *(To a maximum of 5 list principal publications, relevant to this project)*

3.5.   Project leader *(CASS)*

Name & title	

3.6.   Language proficiency

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Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
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Mandarin			
Other (if relevant)			

3.7. Summary of academic qualifications and/or career, in particular as they relate to this project

3.8. Publications *(List principal publications relevant to this project, to a maximum of five)*

4. Finance

4.1. Have either of the project leaders sought other funding for the project? Provide details

4.2. Please indicate the names of the major funding organisations to which you intend to apply, with the support of the results from the proposed project?

5.   References

5.1.   References

Each applicant must provide a short 'Letter of Confirmation' from a supervisor or referee in support of the application by the closing date. Letters should not exceed one page. Where one referee can speak for both applicants, one Letter of Confirmation will suffice. It is the responsibility of the applicants to ensure Letters of Confirmation are received by the due date. Acceptable formats include as email attachment with electronic signature, or by mail.

Name & title	
Position	
Organisation	
Relationship to applicant	

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6. Agreements

6.1. Agreements

Check the boxes (☒) to acknowledge the following:

We understand successful applicants will need to arrange for the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia to be invoiced for the funding prior to the commencement of the project, and by no later than **Friday, 1st March 2019**.	☐

We understand successful applicants must provide an article, suitable for publication on the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia website (https://www.assa.edu.au/), by **Tuesday, 31st March 2020**. The article should be between 1,500 and 2,000 words, and is to provide background, findings, conclusions, and commentary on the impact this research can have on public policy in Australia and/or in China.	☐

6.2. Confirmation

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://www.assa.edu.au/international-program/

	Date	

	Date	

Electronic submission with digital versions of applicants signatures are accepted by the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.