



Call for Proposals on 2025 CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project

In response to the *International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development* (2024-2033) initiative, the call for proposals for the 2025 CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Program is now open. Relevant details are as follows. For more information, please refer to the notice on the Alliance of National and International Science Organizations for the Belt and Road Regions (ANSO) official website: <http://www.anso.org.cn/>.

1. Introduction

The CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Program aligns with the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which aims to explore and establish a co-funding mechanism under the framework of the ANSO. It encourages ANSO Member organizations to jointly engage in scientific, technological, and innovative research cooperation with the institutes of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). The program seeks to promote sustainable economic and social development and contribute to the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative.

2. Priorities Areas

The 2025 call for projects focuses on improving people's livelihoods and green development in Belt and Road partner countries through international industry-university-research-application collaborations featuring "small-scale yet high-impact". Priority will be given to projects that can attract the participation of more international organizations, address local development bottlenecks in terms of technology and model, and localize the application of research results. Encourage the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), digital infrastructure or platforms, digitization and intelligence tools, blockchain technology, etc. in order to promote R&D and applications, and provide innovative solutions for sustainable development in the region.

Clean Energy: digital energy technology, renewable energy development/utilization, energy storage technology and equipment R&D, energy-saving process modification technology, low-carbon transportation systems, etc.

Health and Public Health: low-cost diagnostic equipment, affordable medical technology, telemedicine and AI-assisted diagnostic system, advanced antimicrobial materials, waste treatment technology, inclusive health services delivery models, etc.

3. Principles and Advice

- 1) The Proponent's Affiliations refer to the ANSO Member organizations outside of mainland China (see Attachment 1 for reference), or the prestigious scientific research institutions the ANSO Members recommend in the respective countries. Each Member organization (including international organizations) can **recommend ONLY ONE** project proposal.
- 2) The project must involve at least two countries (including the one where the Proponent's Affiliation is located) and must include an institution affiliated with CAS. Multilateral cooperation is also encouraged.
- 3) The Principal Investigator (PI) should be a currently employed scholar of an ANSO Member Organization outside of mainland China, with a certain academic influence in the relevant field, maintaining a long-term and solid collaborative foundation with a CAS institute. The PI's age shall be **no more than** 55 years old, holding an associate professional title or above, and possessing rich experience in international cooperation.
- 4) The Chinese Co-PI shall be a full-time employed scholar from a CAS institute. He/she must be a Chinese citizen, aged **no more than** 55 years old, and holding an associate professional title or above. The Chinese collaborator(s) should not be leading any ongoing ANSO projects (except for ANSO International Network) and the CAS international collaborative projects with a funding of one million yuan or more.

4. Co-funding Mechanism

The CAS-ANSO Co-funding mechanism includes various forms, such as financial support, venues, personnel, partner resources, and material resources. During the application stage, it is necessary to provide a Support

Letter for CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project (Attachment 2). There are two options available:

- 1) **Financial Support:** Including the total amount of the fund, the name of the account, other bank account details, etc. Additionally, a commitment should be made that the funding will be transferred to the account within one year of project operation.
- 2) **Non-financial Support:** Including detailed information corresponding to the specific method.

5. Funding

- 1) **Duration:** Three years.
- 2) **Funding Amount:** Max. 200,000 USD/project from ANSO. (For a proponent's affiliation: Max. 150,000 USD; for a CAS institute: Max. 50,000 USD)
- 3) **Funding Disbursement:** Funds will be disbursed separately to the accounts of the Proponent's Affiliations outside of mainland China and the CAS institute.

6. Application Materials

- 1) Please fill up the Support Letter of CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project (Attachment 2), which needs to be reviewed, recommended, and submitted by ANSO Member organizations outside of mainland China.
- 2) Please submit the materials (in Word format) to the ANSO Secretariat at anso-crpp@anso.org.cn for ANSO Member organizations. The naming format for the email and the materials should be "CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project Application Materials: Name of the Proponent's Affiliation".
- 3) The submission deadline is 24:00 (Beijing Time) on May 20, 2025. No further applications will be accepted after this time.

7. Contact

If you have any inquiries, please contact us for more information.
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Attachments:

Attachment 1. List of ANSO 78 Members and Governing Board Members. pdf

Attachment 2. Support Letter and Brief Proposal Template of CAS-ANSO
Co-funding Research Project

Attachment 3. Regulation of the CAS-ANSO Co-funding Research Project (Trial)

Attachment 4. Financial Regulations for the ANSO Projects (2024)

