Guidelines for talent development between Academia Sinica and elite American universities and research institutes

1. Primary Objective

Academia Sinica (hereafter AS) wishes to work with its research institutes (preparatory offices) and centers on mid to long-term developments, such as talent development in cutting-edge research areas. This cooperative program is established for talent development between Academia Sinica and the very best universities and research institutes in the United States of America (hereafter US). The objective of the program is to encourage postdoctoral and PhD students to conduct research at the very best universities and research institutes in the US. This program will follow the individual academic exchange and cooperation agreements signed between AS and various US universities and research institutes (including UC Berkeley, UCSD, TSRI, Calibr, UC Davis, Stanford and others).

2. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants will meet one of the following criteria. These criteria must be satisfied by the application deadline.

2.1 Applicants with a PhD degree from a domestic or foreign university recognized by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan and currently employed by an AS research institute (preparatory office) and center.

2.2 Applicants supervised by AS research fellows who are also graduating PhD students, and who will complete the PhD degree before signing the contract.

2.3 Current PhD students studying at a domestic or foreign university affiliated with AS, and who conduct PhD research at AS.

3. The application process of this program follows the individual academic exchange and cooperation agreements signed between Academic Sinica and US universities and research institutes.

4. Review Process

For postdoctoral applicants, the Central Academic Advisory Committee (CAAC) will establish a Review Committee (RC). The RC will be formed with US universities or research institutes affiliated with the program to review and recommend suitable postdoctoral applicants. The President of AS will approve the final awardees. For doctoral applicants, supervising professors from both parties will agree on the research thesis. The Department of International Affairs (DIA) will establish a RC. The RC will be formed with US universities or research institutes affiliated with the program to review and recommend suitable doctoral candidates. The President of AS will approve the final awardees.
5. Term of Appointment
Unless otherwise regulated, the term of appointment is between 1 to 2 years. The research can be terminated if the primary investigator of any party requests to terminate the cooperative agreement.

6. Assessment of Project Performance
The researchers will submit a written research performance report at the end of the appointment. The host research institutes (preparatory offices) or centers will review and approve the report. The report will then be forwarded to the Central Academic Advisory Committee and DIA for official conclusion of the appointment.

7. Cooperative agreements not covered in this program must follow the respective regulations suitable to the applicants.

8. This program takes effect from the date of approval by the President of Academia Sinica. Amendments follow the same procedure.