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Sino-French School of Subatomic Physics and Applications

Open to Young Researchers Worldwide — Free Guided Visits to HIAF, CiADS, CSNS and JUNO

Second Circular

The [Sino-French School of Subatomic Physics and Applications](#) will be held in Huizhou, Guangdong, P. R. China, from 1-14 November 2026.

Rooted in long-standing Sino-French collaboration in nuclear and subatomic physics, the school aims to promote scientific exchanges and future collaborations among young researchers worldwide. Applications are warmly welcomed from early-career scientists whose research interests are relevant to the scientific scope of the school.

Approximately 20 non-Chinese participants, aged 18–35, will be selected.

Application deadline: **30 September 2026**

1. Benefits for accepted participants:

- **No registration fees.**
- **Accommodation and meals will be covered** for the actual period of your attendance at the school.
- Free access to all lectures, facility tours, and cultural activities.
- **Reimbursement for travel expenses up to 1,000 EUR per person**, covering economy-class international flights and necessary ground transport within China for travel related to your school

attendance. Travel expenses associated with personal travel or visits outside the official school programme are not eligible for reimbursement.

Application review is ongoing. New applications continue to be accepted.

If you intend to attend only part of the school, kindly specify your intended participation window during confirmation.

2. Scope and Scientific Rationale

While anchored by China's flagship High-Intensity heavy-ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF), the school embraces the broader subatomic physics landscape, including neutrino physics (JUNO), accelerator-driven systems (CiADS), and spallation neutron science (CSNS). The programme features expert lectures, academic discussions, behind-the-scenes guided tours of major large-scale facilities with on-site technical introductions by facility scientists, and Chinese cultural-heritage activities. Scientific themes span nuclear-structure physics, nuclear astrophysics, accelerator physics, and related interdisciplinary research. The school aims to stimulate future joint scientific activities between China and France as well as the broader worldwide community in subatomic physics.

3. Preliminary Programme Overview (Asia/Beijing time zone)

- 1 November (Sunday): Arrival and registration in Huizhou
- 2–7 November: Lectures and visits to HIAF and CiADS
Cultural visit to Huizhou West Lake.
- 8 November: Relocation to Zhuhai venue / programme transition
- 9–13 November: Lectures, student presentations, and visits to CSNS and JUNO
Cultural visit to local coastal heritage sites and folk culture street in Zhuhai.
- 14 November (Saturday): Departure

4. Eligibility & Expected Size

Applicants must hold an affiliation with a university or research institution outside China. In selecting participants, particular weight will be placed on the relevance of the candidate's research to the school's scientific programme and on their engagement with active research at major nuclear-physics facilities.

Eligibility criteria for funded places:

- Age: 18-35 years (born between 1 April 1991 and 1 April 2008, inclusive).
- Nationality: non-Chinese nationality
- Affiliation: university or research institution outside China

- Academic background: Bachelor's degree or above

5. Support and Obligations

■ Support Details:

1. Accommodation and meals: covered by the organizers for all accepted participants throughout the school (1–14 November).
2. Travel support: reimbursement of actual travel expenses up to 1,000 EUR per person, covering international flights and necessary domestic travel (e.g. airport transfers, high-speed train) to and from the school venues. Detailed ticketing and reimbursement procedures are currently being finalized. **Participants are kindly requested not to purchase tickets until further instructions are provided by the Organizing Committee.**
3. Facility visits: free of charge.

■ Post-school reporting obligations:

All accepted participants are required to complete the following after the school:

1. PIFI survey: all participants must complete a questionnaire issued by PIFI. The questionnaire will be distributed during the school.
2. CEP written report and photograph (for participants receiving travel reimbursement only): each participant whose travel is reimbursed by CEP must submit, within two weeks after the school, a brief written report (approx. 150-300 words) on their experience, research impressions, or academic takeaways from the school. A headshot photograph (digital, min. 300 dpi) is also required for inclusion in the CEP programme report.

These CEP materials will be used in the CEP project report and may be featured in subsequent promotional or outreach materials by CITEF, IMP-CAS, and their partner institutions. By accepting a funded place, participants consent to this use. Participants who do not wish to have their image used should notify the organizing committee at the time of registration.

6. Registration & Application

Deadline: please complete your online registration by **30 September 2026**.

Registration portal: <https://indico.impcas.ac.cn/event/199/>

Required documents: A CV (max. 2 pages).

7. Visa & Invitation Letter

China currently offers visa-free entry for short stays (up to 30 days) to ordinary passport holders from France and a number of other countries. Participants are advised to check the latest entry requirements applicable to their nationality before travel. Participants are advised to reconfirm the latest regulations

before travel.

If your nationality requires a visa, please contact the organizing committee as soon as possible and no later than **30 September 2026** to allow sufficient processing time.

To request an official invitation letter for your visa application, please submit your CV to gs@impcas.ac.cn. The invitation letter will be issued upon receipt and verification of this document.

8. Practical Informationa

- Certificate: all participants who attend the full programme will receive a certificate of attendance.
- Internet access: WiFi access will be provided at all school venues (lecture halls, accommodation, and facilities).
- Daily expenses: all meals and accommodation during the school are covered by the organizers. The only out-of-pocket expenses are likely to be personal items and optional cultural activity entrance fees, so the need for local spending is minimal.
- Weather: November brings Guangdong's most pleasant mild weather (18-25 °C). Light clothing and comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

9. Organizers

Host: Institute of Modern Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IMP-CAS)

Co-organizers: Sino-French Institute of Nuclear Engineering and Technology (IFCEN), Sun Yat-sen University

Organizing Committee (OC):

- Costel Petrache, Cenxi Yuan, Song Guo, Bing Ding
- *Full OC and Scientific Committee (SC) lists will be published in the Third Circular.*

For all inquiries regarding the programme, registration, or visa support, please contact: gs@impcas.ac.cn

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Next steps: The Third Circular with the detailed day-by-day schedule, accommodation information, and travel logistics is expected to be released in late September 2026.