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Sino-French School of Subatomic Physics and Applications

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

Rooted in Sino-French bilateral research collaboration, the school is primarily designed for young researchers based in France, and warmly welcomes applications from early-career scientists across the European community and from other countries with well-established nuclear physics programs anchored in leading major research facilities, including those working in related interdisciplinary fields.

1. Preliminary Programme

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 program 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.

The two-week programme is structured around academic exchanges and access to China's leading large-

scale research infrastructures. The tentative schedule from 2 to 13 November includes:

- Expert lectures on nuclear structure, nuclear astrophysics, accelerator physics and related topics
- Guided technical visits to major research facilities
- Academic discussions and student presentation sessions
- Chinese cultural experience activities

The detailed day-by-day timetable is currently being finalized and will be released on the event's Indico page in due course.

NOTE: To accommodate participants who may arrive a few days behind schedule, all core visits to major research facilities will be arranged on or after **6 November**, to ensure late arrivals can still participate in these key activities.

2. Visa and Invitation Letter

Invitation letters have been issued to applicants who meet the applicable funding criteria. Applicants who do not meet these criteria but still wish to attend should contact the organizing committee to discuss participation and invitation arrangements.

Please check whether you require a visa to enter China for this visit. If you need a visa, please contact us promptly so that we can apply to the Chinese Academy of Sciences for an official visa support letter for your F visa application. Obtaining this letter takes approximately one week, in addition to the time required for visa processing.

3. Registration & Application

We continue to welcome new applications. International airfare support will be confirmed individually in the acceptance letter.

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

Eligibility for international airfare support will be assessed according to the following requirements outlined by our funding agencies: under age 35 (defined as birthday after 1991 April 1st) and with affiliation with one of the following institutions:

Université Paris-Saclay, University of Liverpool, University of Surrey, University of Cologne, University of Warsaw, University of Jyväskylä, Université de Strasbourg, Technische Universität Darmstadt, University of Padua, University of Milan, University of Valencia

4. Travel guidance

Public transportation expenses from your arrival airport to Huizhou, including buses and trains, can be

reimbursed by the school. Please retain the relevant tickets, receipts, and payment records.

A direct taxi journey from the airport to Huizhou is not eligible for reimbursement. Where possible, please avoid flights arriving late at night, as onward public transportation may be limited. We are unable to cover individually booked accommodations.

Please see the detailed information for travel on the indico webpage named “Travel guidance.pdf.”

Please book your ticket as soon as possible to avoid higher airfares, if you already meet the entry requirements into China. We recommend you to share your flight information with us at gs@impcas.ac.cn.

5. Support for Participants

- Accommodation and meals: covered by the organizers for all accepted participants throughout the school (1–14 November).
- Travel support: For participants with confirmed airfare support, international airfare will be reimbursed at actual cost, up to **EUR 1,000 per person. Eligible public transportation expenses between the arrival/departure airport and the school venue are covered separately and do not count towards the EUR 1,000 airfare limit.** These include buses and trains. Please retain the relevant tickets, receipts, and payment records. Direct taxi journeys between the airport and Huizhou are not eligible for reimbursement through the school. **First class and/or business class bus/train bookings cannot be reimbursed.** Participants are expected to book their own tickets and submit original invoices for reimbursement after the school.
- Registration fees for the school are waived thanks to our sponsors.
- Facility visits: free of charge, round-trip transportation included.
- Post-school reporting obligations: All accepted participants are required to complete the following after the school as required by our funding agencies:
 1. All participants are required to complete a questionnaire provided by PIFI, which will be distributed during the school.
 2. For participants eligible for travel reimbursement only: anyone whose travel expenses are covered by the school shall submit a brief written report (approximately 150–300 words) within two weeks after the conclusion of the school. The report should summarize their experience, research reflections and academic takeaways gained from the school.

These 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. Practical Information

- Certificate: all participants who attend the full program will receive a certificate of attendance.
- Internet access: WiFi access will be provided at all school venues (lecture halls, accommodation, and facilities). Eduroam is available on campus and we encourage you to set it up at your home institutions.
- Weather: November brings Guangdong's most pleasant mild weather (18–25 °C). Light clothing and comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- **Obtaining a Chinese SIM card locally can be challenging. We recommend you to either use cellular roaming with your home provider or setup a travel E-SIM prior to your arrival in China.**

7. Organizers

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

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

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Next steps: The detailed day-by-day schedule, accommodation information, and travel logistics are expected to be posted on the Indico page by the end of October 2026.