

Call for Applications – “Belt and Road” Meteorological Visiting Scholar Program 2026 (China)

The Department is pleased to announce that received an invitation from the China Meteorological Administration (CMA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China and the Permanent Representative of China with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), to participate in the “**Belt and Road**” **Meteorological Visiting Scholar Program 2026**.

This prestigious initiative aims to strengthen international cooperation in meteorological science and enhance the capacity of Belt and Road countries in disaster risk reduction and climate change response.

Under this program, selected scholars will engage in a **one-year research fellowship in China**, jointly administered by **Peking University** and relevant **CMA operational centers**. The program is fully funded, covering tuition, accommodation, living expenses, and medical insurance. International travel expenses will be covered by the WMO/CMA Belt and Road Trust Fund.

The Department of Meteorology has been invited to **nominate up to two (02) senior experts** for this opportunity.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Must be a current employee of the Department of Meteorology with relevant experience in meteorological operations, science/technology, research, or management.
2. Must possess a Master’s degree or higher and be **under 45 years of age**.
3. **Proficiency in English** is required (with a valid language certificate); knowledge of Chinese is an added advantage.
4. A strong theoretical background in meteorology is essential. Prior experience in senior management or operational roles is preferred.

Note:

- Following the selection process and fulfilment of most eligibility criteria, **two (02)** Department of Meteorology candidates will submit applications to the **2026 "Belt and Road" Meteorological Visiting Scholar Program**.
- Experts will review the applications, and successful candidates will be notified in due course.

Required Documents:

Research proposal (minimum 1000 words) in English or Chinese, in one of the following focus areas:

- Weather forecasting
 - Typhoon/Tropical cyclone forecasting
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) in meteorology
 - Sandstorm monitoring and forecasting
 - Integrated observation systems
 - Satellite applications
 - Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP)
 - Climate prediction
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- **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
 - **Medical examination certificate** (in English)

Deadline for Submission:

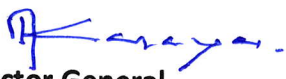
All required documents must be submitted to Mr. A.L.K Wijemannage (Scholarship selection committee) **on or before 14 July 2025** to proceed with the nomination process.

Who May Apply:

Interested officers (Meteorologists, Meteorological Officers, Observers, Technology Officers, and Research Officers) who meet the eligibility criteria are **encouraged to apply**.

Please note that, upon completion of the program, selected candidates will be expected to contribute their expertise to the **Research Division** of the Department of Meteorology.

For further details or clarifications, you may contact this office directly.


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Date: 11 June 2025

To: PRs with WMO

From: Dr. CHEN Zhenlin, Administrator of China Meteorological Administration and
Permanent Representative of China with WMO

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Subject: “Belt and Road” Meteorological Visiting Scholar Program 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) and the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China will jointly launch a “Belt and Road” Meteorological Visiting Scholar Program, under which China works with Belt and Road countries to carry out joint research in the field of meteorology, aiming to improve those countries' capacity of disaster prevention and mitigation and response to climate change. The visiting scholars will stay in China for one year, jointly managed by Peking University and CMA operational centers. The tuition, accommodation, living expenses and medical insurance of visiting scholars during their stay in China will be jointly borne by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China and CMA, and the travel cost to and from China will be borne by the WMO/CMA Belt and Road Trust Fund.

I hereby sincerely invite you to recommend 1 or 2 (maximum 2) senior experts for this program. The specific requirements are as follows:

1. The applicant shall submit a nomination letter signed by PR with WMO before 31 August 2025;
2. The applicant shall be an employee of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services; engaged in meteorological services, science and technology, or operational/research management; familiar with basic theoretical knowledge in meteorology, with those experienced in senior management or operation preferred; with a master's degree or above; below 45 years old; proficient in English with relevant English language certification; knowledge of Chinese will be an advantage.
3. The applicant shall provide a research plan in Chinese or English (no less than 1000 words), which includes the selection of one specific research field from the following ones and elaboration of the specific content, objectives and plans of research.

Research fields: weather forecasting, typhoon/tropical cyclone forecasting, Artificial Intelligence (AI), sandstorm monitoring and forecasting, integrated observation, satellite application, Numerical Weather Forecasting, climate prediction.

4. The applicant shall provide a curriculum vitae in Chinese or English that specifies age, educational background, working experience, research field, etc.

5. The applicant shall provide a medical examination certificate in English.

6. The visiting scholar shall communicate with the supervisor regularly, and submit the interim research progress report and the final research report to the focal point of CMA as required by the supervisor.

Please submit the required application materials to Ms CHEN Jinyang by email (training@intcmatc.com; cc: 5751498@qq.com) by 31 August 2025. Vacancies cannot be guaranteed after the above deadline.

We will organize experts to review and screen the candidates, and will inform the admitted ones in due course.

With best regards,



(Chen Zhenlin)