

Travel Scholarships for Early Career and PhD Chinese nationals attending the European Conference on Precision Agriculture, Edinburgh, July 2017

The organisers for ECPA 2017 are pleased to announce the opening of a competitive process for up to 5 travel scholarships to allow young Chinese scientists to attend the 11th European Conference on Precision Agriculture in Edinburgh, UK, July 16-20, 2017. The travel scholarships are kindly sponsored by the Sciences and Technology Facilities Council and the British Government's UK-China Agri-Tech Program, which is part of the UK's Newton Fund.

Eligibility: Applications are invited from early career Chinese researchers studying in the area of Precision Agriculture, who are either in a PhD program or have completed their PhD within the past 3 years. Applicants are expected to have an abstract submitted to the conference and an acceptance of either an oral or poster presentation at ECPA 2017. Applicants do not need to be involved in the UK-China Agri-Tech program to apply, but must be working on Precision Agriculture applications in China.

The award will be to a maximum of £2500 as a contribution toward International travel, conference registration, accommodation and living expenses while in the UK. As well as attending and presenting at the conference, successful applicants are expected to use the trip to visit research institutions in the UK relevant to their area of research.

Application process: Applicants should submit

- a copy of their submitted abstract,
- a CV (2 pages max),
- the date of their PhD award (if applicable),
- a 300 word statement on the motivation for their Precision Agriculture research and,
- a brief proposed itinerary for their travel to the UK (including visitations to research institutions).

Applications will be assessed by a 3 person panel drawn from the STFC UK-China Agri-Tech Program management team and the Organising Committee of ECPA 2017. The decision of the panel will be final. Applications will be judge on the quality and relevance of the research to Precision Agriculture and scope for international interaction proposed.

Reporting: Successful applicants will be required to produce a report (approximately 1500 words) that a) outlines their experiences and contributions at ECPA 2017 and b) describes their visitations to UK researchers.

For **all researchers** with Chinese colleagues and connections, we would encourage you to disseminate this to your contacts.

To submit an abstract for either oral or poster presentation please go to Abstract Submission section of the conference web-site www.ecpa2017.com.