



United Nations/China Cooperation on the Utilization of the China Space Station



The United Nations/China Cooperation on the Utilization of the China Space Station (CSS) initiative is the dedicated collaboration between the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) in utilizing the CSS to:

Promote international cooperation in human space flight and activities related to space exploration

Provide flight experiment and space application opportunities on board the CSS for United Nations Member States

Promote increased awareness among United Nations Member States of the benefits of utilizing human space technology and its applications

Promote capacity-building activities by making use of human space technologies, including facilities and resources from China's human spaceflight programme

The first round of opportunities for orbital experiments on board the CSS has three modalities:

MODALITY 1:

Conducting experiments inside the CSS by utilizing experiment payloads developed by selected applicants

MODALITY 2:

Conducting experiments inside the CSS by utilizing experiment facilities already provided by China

MODALITY 3:

Conducting experiments outside the CSS by utilizing payloads developed by selected applicants

Eligibility criteria:

This opportunity is open to all United Nations Member States, with particular attention to developing countries. Public and private organizations including institutes, academies, universities, and private enterprises with a scientific orientation, and which have all of the following fundamental capabilities, are eligible to apply:

- Research and technology background relevant to the proposed project
- Research facilities for development of the project
- Ability to transport experiment hardware, software, and related facilities to a handover location in China designated by CMSA

Expected timeline for the first round of opportunities:

- Announcement and application (3 months): 28 May – 31 August 2018
- Preliminary selection (3 months): 1 September – 30 November 2018
- Developing and submitting implementation schemes (3 months): 1 December 2018 – 28 February 2019
- Final project selection (3 months): 1 March – 31 May 2019
- Negotiating and signing bilateral agreements (3 months): 1 June – 31 August 2019
- Implementing projects: as per agreements between CMSA and selected organizations

Application deadline:

31 August 2018

Application form and further details:

www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/hsti/chinaspacestation/1st_cycle_2018.html



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