

Introduction **Sample version only**

Thank you for your interest in the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations' (the Foundation) 2025-26 Competitive Grants Program.

The Foundation's grant program objectives are to strengthen risk-informed engagement with China in Australia's national interest and to reinforce social cohesion by engaging Chinese-Australian communities, showcasing their contribution and strengthening their voice and agency. The Foundation's mandate includes mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

The intended outcomes of this grant opportunity are to:

- facilitate dialogue that increases mutual understanding in priority areas that further Australia's national interest, including arrangements that establish or strengthen relationships with counterpart organisations in mainland China, Hong Kong and/or Taiwan
- build Australian knowledge of and capability to engage mainland China, Hong Kong and/or Taiwan in our national interest, including fellowships or scholarships that improve language capabilities and lived experience
- support key Australian industry sectors to engage markets in mainland China, Hong Kong and/or Taiwan
- further climate change, net zero, green economy and clean energy transition outcomes
- showcase Australian excellence in, and enhance people-to-people links through, exchanges in culture, the arts, sports, education, academia, innovation, science, health, aviation, and tourism
- engage our diverse Chinese-Australian communities, showcase their significant contributions to Australian civic life, foster leadership and strengthen their voice and agency to engage in Australian civic life
- enhance understanding of modern and multicultural Australia by international students from mainland China, Hong Kong and/or Taiwan and connect emerging leaders in this cohort to Australian society, institutions or industry
- promote media and public communication activities on the above.

Please refer to the guidelines when completing your application. If you have any questions, please email grants@australiachinafoundation.org.au prior to the advertised closing date.

Project Details

* indicates a required field

Organisation name *

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Do you or your organisation have a Chinese name? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Please provide your name or your organisation's name in Chinese *

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Project description

Project title *

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Start date *

Must be a date.

Completion date (note the maximum grant period is four years) *

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Must be a date.

Funding amount sought from the Foundation (this must match the amount listed in the Budget Section) *

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Which of the following intended outcomes of this grant opportunity align best to your proposed project: *

- ☐ Facilitate dialogue that increases mutual understanding, to establish or strengthen relationships with counterpart organisations in mainland China, Hong Kong and/or Taiwan.
- ☐ Build Australian knowledge of and capability to engage mainland China, Hong Kong and/or Taiwan in our national interest, including fellowships or scholarships that improve language capabilities and lived experience.
- ☐ Support key Australian industry sectors to engage markets in mainland China, Hong Kong and/or Taiwan.
- ☐ Further climate change, net zero, green economy and clean energy transition outcomes.
- ☐ Showcase Australian excellence in, and enhance people-to-people links through, exchanges in culture, the arts, sports, education, academia, innovation, science, health, aviation, and tourism.
- ☐ Engage our diverse Chinese-Australian communities, showcase their significant contributions to Australian civic life, foster leadership and strengthen their voice and agency to engage in Australian civic life.
- ☐ Enhance understanding of modern and multicultural Australia by international students from mainland China, Hong Kong and/or Taiwan and connect emerging leaders in this cohort to Australian society, institutions or industry.
- ☐ Promote media and public communication activities.

Select the sector category that is the

☐ Arts & culture
☐ China knowledge capability

☐ Health & ageing
☐ Media and communications

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most relevant to your project *

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese-Australian communities | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese international students | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable agriculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change & energy transition | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor economy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dialogue | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

40 word summary of the proposed project *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 40 words.

Please describe theme, activities and outcomes of your proposed project.

Project location

Please indicate the **PRIMARY** location where your grant activity will take place:

Australia *

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> ACT | <input type="radio"/> SA |
| <input type="radio"/> NSW | <input type="radio"/> TAS |
| <input type="radio"/> NT | <input type="radio"/> VIC |
| <input type="radio"/> QLD | <input type="radio"/> WA |

Will some or all of your grant activities also take place in mainland China, Hong Kong and/or Taiwan? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list the **PRIMARY** location your activity will take place in mainland China, Hong Kong and /or Taiwan

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Please also list any additional locations your activity will take place across mainland China, Hong Kong and /or Taiwan

Assessment Criteria

You must address all of the following assessment criteria in the application. We will assess your application based on the weighting given to each criterion.

How will the grant contribute to Australia's national interests and the Foundation's

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**intended outcomes?
(40%) ***

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

**How effective will
the applicant be in
delivering the grant?
(20%) ***

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**How will the activity
deliver enduring and
sustainable outcomes
beyond funding? (20%) ***

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Word count:
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**How will you maximise
the reach, influence and
impact of the funding?
(20%) ***

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Optional - short video

**If you would like to
include a short video,
please add the YouTube
link here. Google Drive
and Dropbox links do
not work and cannot be
viewed.**

Project activities

Please list the top 3 quantifiable outcomes your project will deliver (for example including the number of workshops/partnerships/training courses/exhibitions/events/reports/participants, etc.)

Outcome 1 *

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Outcome 2 *

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Word count:

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Outcome 3 *

Sample only

Word count:

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Collaboration

Please identify key partners or other major sponsors (financial or otherwise). State whether these partners are confirmed or prospective. *

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Must be no more than 200 words.

Does your project involve collaboration with a Chinese entity? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Risk management planning

Please outline your risk management planning by listing the key risks, identifying how you will manage and mitigate these and how you will track the effectiveness of your project.

Please list the key risks for your activity *

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Please list your planned strategies to mitigate and manage these risks *

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How will you measure progress towards intended project outcomes and evaluate the project once concluded? *

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If yes, please provide details including Chinese names of entities your project will collaborate with. *

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Communications and promotions

Please list how you will promote your activity and ensure it has a broad impact. Please also list how you plan to measure the impact of your communications *

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Supporting documents - optional

Please attach any other supporting documents here

Attach a file:

Referees

* indicates a required field

Please attach letters of support from two independent referees who have no direct financial interest in this project. Referees cannot be Foundation or DFAT employees, or Foundation Advisory Board members. Referees should comment on the project's objectives and the strategies to achieve them.

The Foundation reserves the right to seek advice on the application from other persons and organisations as appropriate.

Referee 1:

Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

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Position *

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Phone Number *

Must be a valid phone number.

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Website

Must be a URL.

Relationship to Applicant *

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Referee 1's Report

Attach a file:

Referee 2:

Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position *

Phone Number *

Must be a valid phone number.

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Website

Must be a URL.

Relationship to Applicant *

Referee 2's Report

Attach a file:

Project Activity

Activity timeline (note: the earliest that funding will be available is from second quarter of 2026)

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Please provide a timeline of the major activities involved in delivering your project

Activity	Due date	Explanatory notes if applicable
	Must be a date.	
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Budget Section

* indicates a required field

Budget instructions

- Please list all contributors to your project, including contributions (cash or in-kind) by you (A) and by third parties (B). Please note whether funding is confirmed, conditional or pending approval.
- Please identify your planned expenditure, this must match the total income.
- Please provide budget figure amounts **exclusive of GST**.

Budgeted income

A. Internal Contribution (cash or in-kind)	Amount (\$)	Comments (to be completed by the Applicant)
	Must be a dollar amount.	
	\$	

B. Third party contribution	Amount (\$)	Comments (to be completed by the Applicant)
	Must be a dollar amount.	
	\$	

C. NFACR Grant

Foundation grants program funding sought
*

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Total income

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A+B+C

Total Project Income *

\$ **Sample only**

This number/amount is calculated.

Budgeted expenditure (please indicate in the notes for each row the funding source i.e. cash or in-kind, third party or the Foundation for each expenditure item)

Expenditure description	Expenditure amount (\$)	Notes
	Must be a dollar amount.	
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	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

Budgeted expenditure totals

Total Expenditure Amount *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Balanced budget check

Total Project Income = Total Expenditure Amount *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.
Must be equal to 0

You may attach your project budget plan here if needed.

Attach a file:

Previous funding

Have you or your organisation previously received grant funding from the Commonwealth Government of Australia? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide details of any relevant funding. Note: if, for example, you are applying on behalf of a university that receives

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numerous unrelated grants, you do not need to list those here. *

Other Commonwealth Funding

Is your proposed project seeking or receiving other Commonwealth funds (non-NFACR) for current or future financial years? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please give details, including the amount and year. *

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Applicant Further Information

* indicates a required field

Entity *

☐ Organization

☐ Sole trader

ABN *

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The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register

ABN

Entity name

ABN status

Entity type

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

DGR Endorsed

ATO Charity Type

[More information](#)

ACNC Registration

Tax Concessions

Main business location

Must be an ABN.

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Address *

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Phone number *

Must be a valid phone number.
including country and regional codes

Website

Must be a URL.

**Twitter/social media
handle or hashtags****Other Social Media
Details****Primary contact ***

Title

First Name

Last Name

Primary contact phone *

Must be a valid phone number.

Primary contact position ***Primary contact email ***

Must be an email address.

Conflict of Interest

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Please advise if you or any of your personnel:

- has a professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who is able to influence the application selection process, such as a member of the Foundation's staffing profile or Advisory Board;

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- has a relationship with an organisation or foreign government which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently; or
- has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives funding from the Foundation.

To the best of your knowledge, are there any potential, perceived or actual conflicts of interest relating to this application? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide details *

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Declaration

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Working with Children or other Vulnerable Persons

Successful grantees will be asked to complete a Working with Vulnerable Persons Statement of Compliance as part of the Standard Grant Agreement.

The Foundation considers a child to be a person under the age of 18 years.

Will your project involve working with children and/or other vulnerable persons? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

I confirm that:

The National Foundation for Australia-China Relations ("the Foundation") must comply with the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (Privacy Act), and the DFAT Privacy policy which is available [here](#). The information you provide in your funding submission is used by the Foundation to assess your application. This information, including personal information, will be disclosed to the Board and Secretariat, Commonwealth and State or Territory governments, organisations which are responsible for grants programs, and may be made public through national and local media or via the Foundation or DFAT websites. DFAT may also publish this information, including personal

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information, in its Annual Report and on the DFAT website. Applicants should also note the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth) apply to documents in the Foundation or DFAT's possession.

I, certify that:

- I have read the relevant information provided for grant applicants regarding eligibility and funding conditions, and confirm the proposed project meets the eligibility criteria.
- The statements in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and any supporting material is my own work or the work of the persons named in this application.
- I accept that the Foundation reserves the right to use whatever assessment processes and selection criteria they deem necessary to evaluate this and other applications for grant funding.
- I acknowledge that this application will be assessed on its merits, and compared to other projects, and that it may not be funded, or it may not be funded at the amount requested.
- I understand that my contact details may be used to receive information updates about relevant Foundation activities, and that I may choose to opt out of further updates at any time.
- If my application is successful, I consent to the media or members of parliament being given information about the funded project and agree I may be contacted directly by them on the contact number provided under Applicant Details above.
- If my application is successful, I will provide project reporting in accordance with the acquittal reporting requirements, which will include all related information and supporting documentation required to acquit properly and fully the money received.
- I understand that any information given to applicants by the Foundation should be seen as information only, and that I should not alter my circumstances or act upon expectations arising from such information.

Declaration *

☐ Yes, I have read and agree to the above conditions.

Date of Declaration *

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Must be a date.
Must be a date

Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Position *

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If you are applying as an individual, state "individual applicant".

Statistical Information

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Where did you hear about the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations grant program? *

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> GrantConnect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Australian overseas mission | <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DFAT State or Territory Offices | <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct contact from the Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> WeChat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation website | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Foundation | |

If you selected 'Advertising', please specify which media outlet you received the news of this grant opportunity.

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Please list any suggestions for the Foundation to improve communications outreach on its grant opportunities *