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About the program:

The joint training program for doctoral students has been running since 2008. So far, over 100 CAS PhD students have been invited to conduct research for their PhD theses at one of the Fraunhofer Institutes in Germany. The aim of the joint doctoral program is to promote scientific exchange between Germany and China.

Target group:

CAS PhD-students who wish to conduct their PhD-theses in cooperation with Fraunhofer.



Application procedure:

Three stage application procedure:

- 1. UCAS application process, please refer to <https://www.ucas.ac.cn>
- 2. Selection process at the Fraunhofer Representative Office Beijing
- 3. Application to Fraunhofer Institutes and selection

Duration of the research stay:

Initial approval is for a research stay of 12 months. If the host Fraunhofer Institute as well as the CAS home institution agree, it may be prolonged for the duration of six months after the first year.

Host unit:

One of the 75 Fraunhofer Institutes in Germany. During the application procedure candidates may apply for research stays at up to three Fraunhofer Institutes. <https://www.fraunhofer.de/en/institutes/institutes-and-research-establishments-in-germany.html>