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Please submit your application to NWO in electronic form using the Iris system, which you can access via the NWO website (iris.nwo.nl). Note that a PDF format is required. This is the only electronic format that guarantees that the application will be received in exactly the same form as it has been sent. It is however not necessary to use Word when filling out the application form. You can use LaTeX for example, as long as you use exactly the same format. Please do not put a security lock on the document. If you don't know how to convert your application to a PDF format, allow extra time to get help from your own computer support department or from the Iris helpdesk at NWO (www.iris.nwo.nl, iris@nwo.nl). Note that you can submit your application on April 25th until 11.00am CET.

Complete the application in English. Do not exceed the stated maximum number of words for each item on the form and use a 10-point font size, except for references to the literature, which may be given in 9-point. If you exceed the stated maximum number of words and/or pages, or if you fail to supply the necessary documents, your application may be automatically disqualified and you will lose your chance of funding.

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You will receive confirmation of receipt within approximately two weeks after the deadline.
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Registration form (basic details)

**1a. Details of the two Principal Investigators**
Give the name, title(s), gender and postal address at which both the Dutch as Chinese Principal Investigator can be reached during the whole application and assessment process. Give telephone and fax numbers, email address(es) and website (optional).

**1b. Institutional environment**
Name the institutions in The Netherlands and China at which the proposed research will be conducted.

**1c. Title of research proposal**
Give the title of the research proposal.

**1d. Composition of the research team**
List the names of the researchers involved in the proposed project, both in the Netherlands and in China. Please also indicate their role in the research team.

**1e. List of key publications**
List 5 key publications by (members of) the research team dealing with the theme of this Call.

**1f. Summary of research proposal**
Provide a summary of your proposal (topic, approach and potential importance of results) in no more than 300 words. Take care to provide an informative and relevant abstract, as this is often the first that expert reviewers will see of your proposal. Specify up to five keywords.
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Research Proposal

2a. Relevance to the theme of the Call
Please indicate how this proposal fits in the thematic focus of this call for proposals (see call-text) in no more than 500 words.

2b. Research programme
Description of the research programme, in no more than 3000 words, should include:
– Overall aim, key objectives, scientific background;
– Originality of the topic and innovative elements;
– Experimental techniques and/or methodology;
– (Availability of) data sets to be used;
– Originality and/or innovative elements of the approach.

Description of the research programme should take into account the criteria specified under ‘scientific quality of the research proposal’ in § 4.2 of the call-text.

2c. Sino-Dutch co-operation
Please describe in no more than 500 words the
– Added value of Sino-Dutch co-operation to the research project, including the complementary of the Dutch and Chinese research teams;
– The degree of inter-institutional co-operation between the project partners, and the prospects for long term scientific collaboration beyond the duration of the research project.

2d. Expected results
Please list the expected results, milestones and deliverables in the research plan, including a practical timetable over the grant period.

2e. Number of words
Indicate the number of words used in section 2a, 2b and 2c (word count on your computer).

2f. Literature references
List all relevant literature here and include full bibliographical details.
Cost Estimates

3a. Budget
State in broad terms what resources will be required to conduct the proposed research per calendar year. The cost estimates should cover the entire funding period. List the nature of the post (for example: material costs) and both the intensity of each appointment (in fte – full time equivalent) and the total duration of each appointment (in months).

The maximum budget which can be applied for on Dutch side is € 260,000 spread over a period of 3 or 4 years. Costs which can be covered:
- employment costs of one Postdoc researcher (for maximum of 36 man-months) or one PhD researcher (for 48 man-months);
- research cost (a maximum of k€ 60):
  - travel expenses and accommodation costs for researchers involved in the project;
  - contribution to material costs;
  - contribution to field work costs.

The maximum budget that can be applied for on the Chinese side for an individual project will comprise up to 800,000 RMB:
- travel expenses and accommodation costs for researchers involved in the project;
- contribution to material costs;
- contribution to field work costs;
- some other necessary research costs.

3b. Indicate the time (percentage of fte) that the members of the research team will spend on this Joint Research Project
Indicate the time (in fte) the members of the research team will spend on carrying out the Joint Research project.

3c. Starting date
Specify the date on which the project is intended to commence. Implementation of the joint research project must start within six months of the date of the award letter. The earliest starting date is January 2013.

3d. Have you requested any additional grants for this project either from NWO, NSFC or from any other institution? Yes / no
If yes, please specify
Include details of any (additional) funding you have requested for (part of) this research project either from NWO or from any other institution.
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Curriculum Vitae Dutch PI (maximum 3 pages)

4a. Personal details
Provide the information requested. The information on your nationality and the birth country of your parents is requested because NWO monitors the proportion of minorities among applicants/grant recipients. These details will not be passed on to third parties except in aggregated form.

4b. Master’s (‘doctoraal’)
Provide the information requested.

4c. Doctorate
Provide the information requested.

4d. Current employment
Indicate what kind of contract you have. If you are not a PostDoc, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Full Professor, please indicate under ‘Other’ the position you have and whether it is outside or within the academic sector.

4f. Work experience since graduating
Give the dates of each appointment and state whether it was full or part-time (in fte), and whether it was a permanent position (‘vast’) or fixed-term (‘tijdelijk’).

Where an appointment involved (or involves) the management of other researchers, state the numbers of academic and/or support staff supervised.

4g. Man-years of research
Give the total number of years (fte) of research you have done since you obtained your doctorate. If there are any gaps in your CV, you may explain them here.

4h. Brief summary of research over last five years
Outline the content of your research over the last five years in no more than 250 words.

4i. International activities
List activities such as long or short study visits abroad, international collaborations, etc.

4j. Other academic activities
Include, for example, membership of editorial boards, posts on committees and involvement in the organisation of conferences.

4k. Scholarships, grants and prizes
List any research scholarships/grants for which you personally have successfully applied or prizes you have won in the last five years and the amount of money involved.

4l. Top five publications
Please list your 5 most important publications.
Curriculum Vitae Chinese PI (maximum 3 pages)

5a. Personal details
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5b. Master's ('doctoraal')
Provide the information requested.

5c. Doctorate
Provide the information requested.

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**Statements by the applicant**

**(Code Openness Animal Experiments and Code Biosecurity)**

NWO endorses the Code Openness Animal Experiments and the Code Biosecurity. Applicants need to check whether these codes are relevant to their application. If so, NWO requires applicants to also endorse the code(s) and act according to them. In case of the Code Biosecurity this also means that the applicant is convinced that the knowledge presented in the application cannot lead to dual use.

**Submission**

By submitting this application through the Iris system, I declare that I have completed this form truthfully.