**Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft**

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**Brief Introduction of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft**

Fraunhofer is one of the largest application-oriented research organization in Europe. Our research efforts are geared entirely to people’s needs: health, security, communication, energy and the environment. As a result, the work undertaken by our researchers and developers has a significant impact on people’s lives. Fraunhofer has total 67 institutes and independent research units in Germany and has more than 24,000 excellent researchers and engineers. Annual research budget is up to €2.12 billion, in which €1.8 billion come from research contract. Fraunhofer has its own research center and representative in Europe, America, Asia and middle East. We are creative, we shape the technology and design products. We improve methods and techniques meanwhile open up new vistas. In short, we forge the future.

**Project description**

The joint doctoral promotion program (DPP) has been carried out for nine years, and till now 85 PhD students were successfully cultured. The project was launched by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and Fraunhofer in order to promote the scientific exchange between Germany and China. The academic period is one or two up to three years. Students can apply for different institutes according to their research fields. The students can not only learn advanced technology, but also experience the working style of German academy institute and enjoy the different culture and life in Europe.

**Apply process**

If you are interested in this program, please have a look at the Chinese homepage of Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft: http://www.fraunhofer.cn/research\_organ.jsp. Click on the Chinese name of an institute and you will get information like the introduction, research area and contacts of the institutes. Choose up to **three** institutes, which match exactly your scientific demand. You should firstly prepare the documents, which be required by UCAS. Then submit them before February 28th, 2017 to Dr. Li Wenxuan of UCAS. After the first round selection by UCAS the Representative Office in Beijing will arrange the interview via telephone or campus events at April 2017 for the candidates. The important thing is that, you should **not** directly contact with the Germany institutes before our interview. After the pre-selection of candidates, the application phase at the Fraunhofer institutes will last up to July 2017.

**Q&A**

1. Who will sponsor the students?

CAS is responsible for funding the first year's tuition. If you need to stay there for the second or the third year or more according to your task, then Fraunhofer will pay for them.

2. How many institutes can each student choose?

Each student can simultaneously apply to only 3 institutes.

3. How to choose a suitable contact person?

Find a contact person on the website according to your own research area or ask the Representative Office in Beijing for support. In general it has to be a head of a department.

4. What is the most important thing for ensuring your stay at Fraunhofer?

Finding the exactly corresponding field and the right scientific orientation can advance your success rate.

5. how to prepare for the interview?

You should prepare one PPT in English, which briefly introduce your basic personal information, your academic research during the doctoral study, the reason why you apply for joint study in Germany and your tentative study proposal in Germany. During the interview you can show and explain it to us.

6. Why I get no feedback signal to my application for a Fraunhofer institute after I send the email?

Because the Germany professor will have their own projects or vocations. So the normal response time is about 1 month. You should be patient and needn’t to send too many emails.

7. How can I get a visa after I receive the offer?

You will get an invitation letter by Email, which be issued by the Fraunhofer Headquarter and sent by the Representative Office in Beijing. You have to go through the visa application process by yourself.

8. When can I move to the institute in Germany?

It’s individual and depends on your personal timetable. You can discuss with your professor of both sides, but recommended time is not later than the end of September.

9. What is the mainly working language by the institutes?

English and German. The minimum English level is CET-6. A German language test is not required.

10. How can I manage my Life in Germany?

A tutor at the institute and his team of the Institute will assist you for settling down properly in Germany. Besides, there are at all universities the well-organized networks of Chinese students.