

**A SUSTech Program for Sabbatical Visiting Scholars**  
**Call for Application**  
**by SUSTech Academy for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies**

The Academy for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies at the Southern University of Science and Technology (hereafter referred to as SUSTech Academy) promotes interdisciplinary research through the exchange of ideas beyond the disciplinary boundaries to accelerate scientific discoveries and the utilization of core research facilities. Guided by the SUSTech strategic plan for internationalization and global engagement, SUSTech Academy invites applications for the Sabbatical Visiting Scholar Program to collaborate with SUSTech faculty member(s). Visiting Scholars are expected to complete a residency requirement to 6 to 12 months full time equivalent at SUSTech. The 2019 Sabbatical Visiting Scholar Program has 10 openings. All SUSTech faculty members are encouraged to nominate candidates according to the qualifications as follows. The faculty sponsors at SUSTech are required to provide office space, access to laboratory, necessarily matching fund and any other necessary facilities for the visiting scholars.

**Qualifications**

1. All candidates should be nominated by a SUSTech full time faculty member;
2. Candidates should hold faculty positions or equivalent in the world's top 100 universities, prestigious independent research institutions or government laboratories with an excellent reputation for academic excellence;
3. Candidates must have a demonstrated record of research achievements;
4. Priority will be given to candidates under the age of 40 who have recently received tenure, are in the productive stage of their career, and are planning for their first-time sabbatical leave.

**Compensation and Benefit**

SUSTech will provide the following financial support to Sabbatical Visiting Scholars:

1. A subsidy of CNY 2000 per workday (up to pre-tax monthly of CNY 50,000);
2. Reimbursement of international airfares for arrival and leave once;
3. A research budget of CNY 90,000 for a residency period between 9-12 months, and a research budget of CNY 60,000 for a residency period between 6-8 months, available on quarterly basis. Such funding can be used for domestic (within mainland China only) travels for academic conferences and experimental consumable materials (not applicable for working personnel expenses), subject to financial regulations at SUSTech;

### **Obligations**

Sabbatical Visiting Scholars are expected to fulfill the following obligations:

1. If the majority or part of the research resulted from the financial support from the SUSTech Academy during the residency, visiting scholars are required to list SUSTech Academy as one of their affiliations, or add “This work is partially supported by SUSTech sabbatical visiting scholar grant” in acknowledgement for joint publications with SUSTech faculty;
2. Participate in Sabbatical Visiting Scholar forum to deliver a presentation at the end of the residency. Complete a final written report that can also be journal publication(s) or other scholarly product acknowledging SUSTech Academy as described in Items 1 and 2. Brief progress reports on a quarterly basis are also required;
3. Teach one senior-undergraduate or graduate course if the residency period is longer than 9 months; please provide syllabus in the proposal, and the faculty sponsor should help to apply for the teaching plan in corresponding department/school.
4. One joint publication/patent with SUSTech faculty ( not limited to first author) is expected if the residency period is 6-9 months, or two or more joint publications/patents are expected if the residency period is longer than 9 months.

To encourage the participation of department/PI's lab management of visiting professors, SUSTech Academy will afford 75% of all the expenses (including all subsidy fees and research funding), while the nominating department/PI's lab should afford the resting 25% of all expenses.

If you are interested in this program, the nominating SUSTech faculty member should fulfill the proposal template for Sabbatical Visiting Scholars program, and send it together with candidate's CV (within 4 pages) and a brief self-introduction (one-page slide) to [aaais@sustech.edu.cn](mailto:aaais@sustech.edu.cn) before June 30, 2019.

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