



## Your CEPAMS Newsletter - July 2026

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### Introduction

A big thank you to all those that attended and contributed to the CEPAMS Symposium in Norwich in June 2026. It was great to see so much engagement, with colleagues continuing their discussions during the networking sessions and in the adjoining meeting rooms.

In your feedback, you told us that you most appreciated the opportunity to hear about the latest research (much of it unpublished) and to connect with colleagues: meeting old friends and forging new relationships.

You also asked us about funding to support collaborative research.

There are three ways to achieve this. Firstly, to apply for grants directly with funders. Examples are below.

Secondly, if you have a collaborative project that is developing and you and your collaborator are interested in submitting mirrored bids to UKRI and NSFC, then please contact [roger.berwick@jic.ac.uk](mailto:roger.berwick@jic.ac.uk) to discuss.

Thirdly, support us in lobbying for centralised funding by telling us about your ideas for collaborative research. Further details are in this newsletter

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**Prof. Dame Caroline Dean FRS**  
**Co-Director of CEPAMS**

## Upcoming Grants & Awards



Grant: **PIFI**  
Status: **Open**

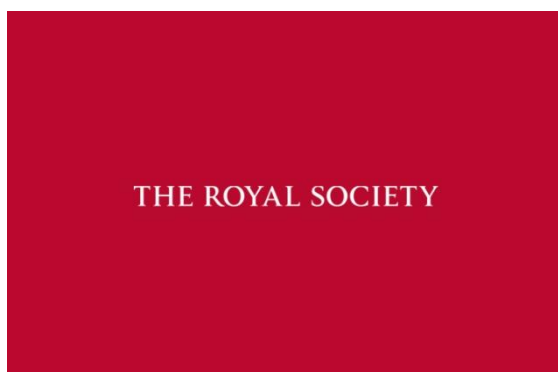
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Grant: **Visiting Professorships**  
Status: **Closes 02 October 2027**



Biotechnology and  
Biological Sciences  
Research Council

Grant: **International Travel Award**  
Status: **Open**



Grant: **International Exchange (NSFC)**  
Status: **Opens April 2027**

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## CEPAMS Symposium 2026



**2-4 June 2026**

**John Innes Conference Centre, Norwich, United Kingdom**

220 delegates registered for the annual CEPAMS Symposium, with over 70 delegates travelling from China to attend. The mission of the meeting was to inspire new scientific collaborations through stimulating presentations of the latest research.

Delegates were challenged to use the symposium as a platform for connection; to engage with those outside their immediate field; and to explore how their work might intersect with theirs in unexpected ways.

[You can read more about the symposium here.](#)



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## **Do you have a potential new collaboration?**

It is important for the future of CEPAMS that we are able to demonstrate to funders the potential for future collaborations. If you have not done so already, then please do tell us about your ideas.

If you are in China, please contact [lqi@genetics.ac.cn](mailto:lqi@genetics.ac.cn)

If you are in Norwich, please fill in this form:

[CEPAMS Symposium 2026 - Outputs – Fill out form](#)

Maybe the potential collaboration is only the seed of an idea.

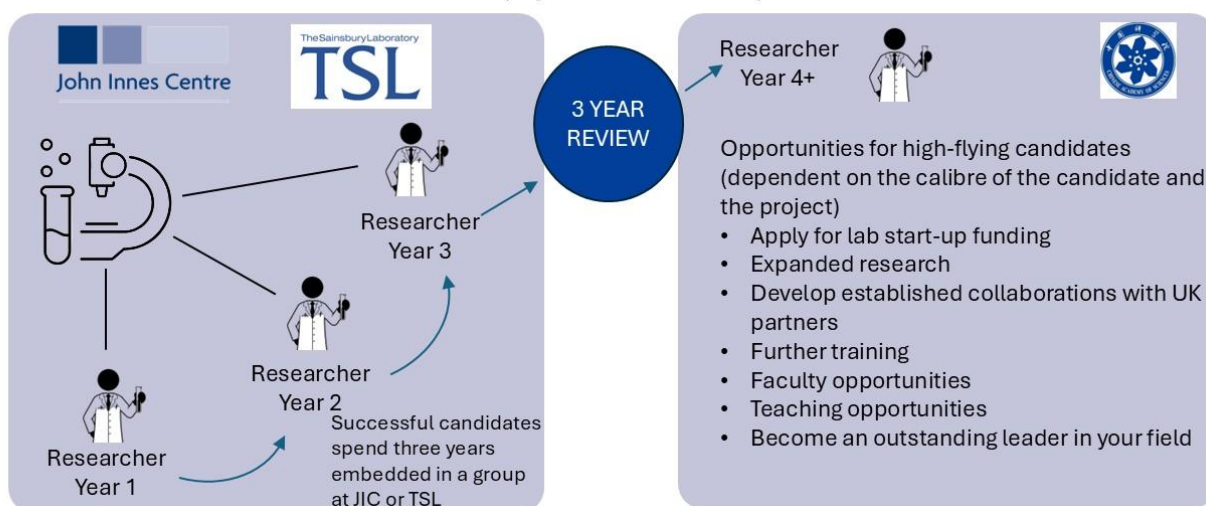
Maybe you haven't yet explored this idea with your potential collaborator.

In any case, your thoughts and reactions are valuable.

## Rising Stars Scheme

# CAS Rising Stars Scheme Outline

- New CAS funding mechanism
- Permits candidates to apply for lab set-up
- 3-year independent research embedded in a group at JIC/TSL lab
- Return to China with elements of the project to seed the start-up of their own lab



At the 2026 symposium, Rising Stars was launched to a wider audience. This is a scheme for ambitious and highly-talented students and postdocs in CAS to fast track their career to Principal Investigator.

Successful candidates will spend three years conducting independent research embedded in a group at JIC/TSL. They will receive world class training in everything from scientific writing to grant-writing skills; from project management to presentation skills; and there will be outstanding coaching and mentoring throughout.

After three years and a review of their science, they will return to China with elements of the project to seed the start-up of their own lab.

For JIC and TSL, these candidates are the scientific collaborators of tomorrow.

### Application process

1. Identify your research area of interest
2. Obtain an agreement in principle from your CAS institute
3. Approach a potential host PI at JIC or TSL
4. Apply for Rising Stars funding through your CAS institute

For more information please contact

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## Share Your Success

We'd love to celebrate your successful interactions in the CEPAMS newsletter. Please [email us](#) with news of your CEPAMS collaborations.

