

## **FAQs For Research Fellowship Program**

### **1. Regarding the stipend provide, any further information could be provided (e.g. travel, accommodation, meals, research materials)?**

Stipend approval will be handled on a case-by-case basis. We may provide partial housing allowance to ensure students coming to Shenzhen for studies can arrange accommodation. For research-related expenses, please consult with the professor you intend to apply to for confirmation.

This program currently does not offer transportation or meal allowances. Special cases will be evaluated on an individual basis. Apart from the above allowance, the program does not offer any other scholarship funding.

### **2. When will the program stipend be distributed?**

We will notify you and your supervisor of the stipend application requirements after the program concludes. Please refer to the official notice issued at that time for specific arrangements.

### **3. What is the specific duration of this program?**

Please consult with the professor you plan to apply to regarding the specific length of your stay before formally submitting your application. The duration of this program is typically 2-3 months, and you can discuss the specific length with your supervisor.

### **4. Will there be a selection process for applicants?**

All applicants will undergo an internal review and selection process. We will contact you to request additional supporting documents, if necessary.

### **5. Any required format for application documents?**

At present, there is no fixed application form. In addition to the requested materials listed on the official website, please consult your intended supervisor to confirm if any additional documents are required.

**6. Can I leave China in between to handle some personal affairs?**

Temporary Departure and Re-entry Procedures for visiting students are as below:

You may temporarily leave and re-enter China after obtaining written consent from your supervisor. However, please ensure your visa is a multiple-entry type to guarantee your return after departure.

**7. If I am currently staying in China on another type of visa, am I permitted to study in Shenzhen without obtaining a new student visa?**

You must obtain a study visa to pursue academic activities at our institute. Please note that pursuant to the Exit-Entry Administration Law of the People's Republic of China, foreign nationals cannot hold multiple valid Chinese visas simultaneously.

If you currently possess another active Chinese visa, you should consult with our office in advance to determine whether Tsinghua University will process a new study visa on your behalf.

**8. Is there a fee for this program?**

The program itself is free of charge.

When we issue you a pre-admission notice, we will inform you to submit your application materials through the relevant Tsinghua University admissions website. At that time, you will be required to pay an application fee of no more than RMB 1,000 (the exact amount will be subject to the notice in the Tsinghua University admissions system). Apart from this application fee, no other fees will be charged for the program.

**9. Is there any Research Fellowship Program (RFP) provided in institute other than Institute of Data and Information (IDI)?**

Please check with the institute that you are interested.

**10. How can I confirm that my application has been successfully accepted?**

You shall first reach an agreement with your prospective supervisor on the

research work you intend to carry out at our institute, including the specific duration and other details. Once the supervisor agrees to accept you, we will collect the information of prospective students and submit to the Program Admissions Working Group for review.

Once the review is approved, we will send you a provisional admission notification email and guide you to submit your application in Tsinghua University's admissions system. Subsequently, Tsinghua University will issue you an official admission letter. Only after receiving this official admission notification email can you begin your visa and other related application procedures.

**11. Are there specific GPA or other academic performance requirements for the program application?**

Please prepare and submit the complete set of application materials as required, and send them to your prospective supervisor. The supervisor will review your overall qualifications and determine whether to recommend your admission to the program.