

Dear all,

We are sharing a faculty-level research recruitment opportunity at the Institute of Applied Ecology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), for researchers working in forest ecology, soil ecology, belowground ecology, ecosystem ecology, microbial ecology, biogeochemistry, and related fields.

Founded in 1954, the Institute of Applied Ecology is a leading research institute in applied ecology in China, with long-standing strengths in forest ecology, soil ecology, agricultural ecology, pollution ecology, and environmental ecology. The Institute hosts major national and provincial research platforms, including the CAS Key Laboratory of Forest Ecology and Silviculture, a national-local joint laboratory, and a network of long-term field research stations across different ecological regions. These platforms provide strong support for field experiments, long-term ecological monitoring, laboratory analyses, graduate training, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

We welcome candidates whose research broadly aligns with one or more of the following areas:

- forest ecosystem structure, function, and resilience;
- soil carbon, nutrient cycling, and biogeochemistry;
- root ecology, rhizosphere processes, and plant–soil interactions;
- soil biodiversity, soil food webs, and microbial ecology;
- mycorrhizal fungi and plant–microbe interactions;
- forest management, restoration ecology, and ecosystem responses to global change.

Ideal candidates should have a strong publication record, broad academic vision, a clear research direction, and strong potential to develop an independent and internationally competitive research program. Researchers of Chinese nationality who are currently working overseas and have strong potential for national-level talent programs, including the National Natural Science Foundation of China Excellent Young Scientists Fund for Overseas Scholars and CAS talent programs, are especially encouraged to apply.

The Institute will provide strong institutional support for successful candidates, including high-quality office and research space, priority support for recruiting master's and doctoral students, competitive start-up research funding, attractive salary packages, housing subsidies, and support for applications to national and CAS talent programs. Specific support packages will be commensurate with the candidate's qualifications, research plan, and program eligibility. Successful candidates will also have access to established field stations, advanced laboratory platforms, graduate student support, and opportunities to develop independent research programs in collaboration with interdisciplinary teams.

Applications and inquiries will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Interested candidates are encouraged to send a CV to Prof. Sun.

Best regards,

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