

Newton UK-China Collaborations in Agricultural Technologies

Partnership Building Visit to China | 2-8 July 2017

Deadline for applications: BST 5:00pm Friday 9 June 2017

In the context of upcoming UK-China joint funding opportunities, Innovate UK and the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology ([MoST](#)) would like to support UK organisations in establishing strong collaborations with Chinese partners in the field of agricultural technologies. We recognise that having the opportunity to meet potential partners and discuss potential collaborations ahead of submitting a joint funding application would be valuable.

For this reason, the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) and the British Embassy Beijing are organising a **Partnership Building Visit** to China tentatively between **2 – 8 July 2017** (inclusive of travel time).

The KTN would like to invite applications from leading UK businesses and research organisations from the following agri-tech sectors interested in this partnering opportunity:

- 1. Precision agriculture, agriculture digitisation and decision management tools**
- 2. Improving the efficiency of sustainable agricultural production**
- 3. Agricultural products processing**

Our objective is to take approximately 15 UK delegates to China and provide sufficient opportunity for these stakeholders to identify and meet with potential Chinese partners, and take forward discussions on collaborations. We also aim to give UK stakeholders a good first-hand appreciation of related agricultural challenges that China faces and the context of what it means to work with counterparts in China.

The visit will most likely consist of:

- Partnering Workshops where UK and Chinese companies and research organisations can showcase their capabilities and areas of project interest to discuss potential collaborations through 1-to-1 meetings.
- Introductory event(s) for UK stakeholders to gain further understanding of the agricultural landscape in China, and associated challenges and innovation needs.
- Visit(s) to Chinese organisations and/or projects that reflects the challenges faced by the country's agritech sector.

The visit aims to benefit businesses and research organisations with innovation capabilities and genuine interest in collaborating with Chinese partners under the upcoming **Newton UK-China Agri-tech Challenge 2017** and other future funding. Participants will be selected on a competitive basis through an Assessment Panel.

Interested organisations are requested to fill in the **Application Form** to be submitted by email to **Dr Nee-Joo Teh** (neejoo.teh@ktn-uk.org) and **Jess Sully** (jess.sully@ktn-uk.org) by **BST 5:00pm on Friday 9 June 2017**.

Successful applicants will be informed by Friday 16 June 2017.

Successful applicants will be expected to pay a £400 contribution towards costs of the visit, primarily to cover flights and accommodation.

Successful applicants will be expected to arrange their own business visa to China (a formal Invitation Letter and instructions on how to apply will be provided). A passport with at least 6 months of remaining validity and blank visa pages is required.