

# NFACR 2026-27 Expression of Interest Form

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### Stage One Expression of Interest (EOI) Form

#### Purpose

This Expression of Interest (EOI) is **Stage One** of a two-stage competitive grants process. Only shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a Stage Two full application.

#### Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations' (the Foundation) 2026-27 Competitive Grants Program.

#### **The Foundation's grant program objectives are to:**

- strengthen risk-informed engagement and practical cooperation between Australia and China, in Australia's national interests
- strengthen Australia's resilience as a multicultural democracy in which Chinese-Australian communities thrive.

#### **The intended outcomes of this grant opportunity are to:**

- build Australian knowledge of, and capability to, engage mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and/or Taiwan in our national interest, and develop a sovereign national China capability pipeline spanning schools, universities, and the workforce, across industry and government.
- facilitate dialogue and exchange that increases mutual understanding in priority areas that further Australia's national interest, including with counterpart organisations in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and/or Taiwan
- support key Australian industry sectors to engage markets in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and/or Taiwan
- further climate change, net zero, decarbonisation, dryland farming, climate smart agriculture, green economy, the environment and clean energy transition outcomes
- support collaboration and exchange in health, ageing and medical technology (medtech)
- showcase Australian excellence in, and enhance people-to-people links through, exchanges in arts and culture, sports, education, academia, sustainable aviation and tourism
- engage Chinese-Australians through:
  - strengthening civic participation and supporting understanding of Australia's foreign policy drivers
  - engaging and empowering Chinese-Australian leaders
  - promoting recognition of Chinese-Australian contributions and
  - promoting inclusion of Chinese-Australian communities
- enhance understanding of modern and multicultural Australia by international students from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and/or Taiwan and connect emerging leaders in this cohort to Australian society, institutions or industry
- promote media and public communication activities on the above.

**Please refer to the Grant Opportunity Guidelines when completing your application. If you have questions, email [grants@australiachinafoundation.org.au](mailto:grants@australiachinafoundation.org.au) before 10:00am AEST, Thursday 21 May 2026. Questions sent after this date may not be responded to in time for the advertised EOI closing date.**

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### Key Dates

**Applications open:** 5 May 2026

**Applications close:** 26 May 2026, 12:00pm (midday) AEST

### Applicant Information

\* indicates a required field

#### Eligibility Check

*All responses must be "Yes" to proceed.*

##### 1.1 Entity Eligibility \*

☐ I confirm that my organisation is an eligible entity type as defined in the 2026-27 Grant Opportunity Guidelines

##### 1.2 Legal and Financial Requirements \*

- ☐ My organisation has an active Australian Business Number (ABN)
- ☐ My organisation is a legal entity capable of entering into a grant agreement
- ☐ My organisation has an account with an Australian financial institution

At least 3 choices must be selected.

##### 1.3 Location Eligibility \*

☐ The organisation and/or proposed activity is based in Australia and/or mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and/or Taiwan

##### 1.4 Compliance \*

- ☐ My organisation is not excluded under the grant opportunity guidelines
- ☐ My organisation has complied with Workplace Gender Equality Act requirements (if applicable)
- ☐ My organisation has no outstanding grant acquittals from previous DFAT grants (if applicable)

At least 1 choice must be selected.

##### 1.5 Activity Eligibility \*

- ☐ The proposed activity aligns with eligible activities and expenditure
- ☐ The proposed activity does not include ineligible expenditure

At least 2 choices must be selected.

### Applicant Details

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**Organisation Name \***

Organisation Name

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**Organisation Type \***

**ABN \***

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register

ABN

Entity name

ABN status

Entity type

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

DGR Endorsed

ATO Charity Type

[More information](#)

ACNC Registration

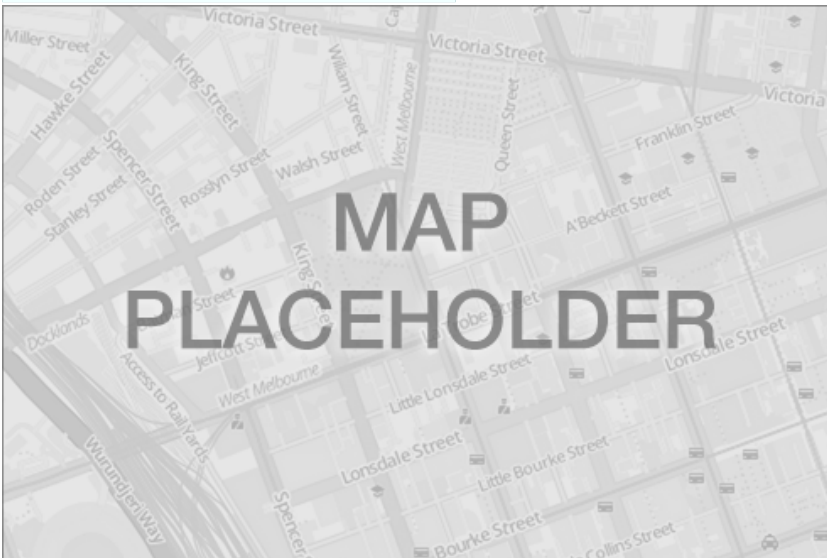
Tax Concessions

Main business location

Must be an ABN.

**Address \***

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Address Line 1, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

**Website**

Must be a URL.

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### Primary Contact Details

**Primary Contact: \***

Title

First Name

Last Name

**Primary Contact Position \***

**Primary Contact Email \***

Must be an email address.

**Phone Number \***

Must be a valid phone number.

### Project Snapshot

\* indicates a required field

#### Details

**Project Title \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 characters no more than 20 words.

**Project Activity Location \***

Multiple selections can be made

**Estimated Project Duration \***

- ☐ 1 Year
- ☐ 2 Years
- ☐ 3 Years
- ☐ 4 Years

**Estimated Grant Amount Requested \***

- ☐ Less than \$100,000
- ☐ \$100,000 - \$200,000
- ☐ \$200,001 - \$400,000
- ☐ \$400,000+

### Primary Intended Outcome

While we recognize that proposals may aim for multiple intended outcomes, please select the one outcome that best represents what your proposal seeks to achieve.

Select an outcome that is listed under the following categories:

- 1.Capabilities and Dialogues
- 2.Industry and Economics
- 3.Arts, Culture and Sport
- 4.Communities

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### 5.Communication

#### Intended Outcome \*

Select a category type, then choose the intended outcome that best fits your proposal

## Expression of Interest

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### Proposal

Describe your proposed grant activity. Your response must:

- Provide a clear and concise description of the proposed grant activity (i.e. what you plan to do).
- Demonstrate how your proposed activity will advance Australia's national interest, the Foundation's priority objectives and intended outcomes.
- Demonstrate your organisation's ability to deliver the activity effectively and responsibly, and demonstrate risk management considerations and mitigation strategies.
- Demonstrate how you will maximise the reach, influence and impact of the activity including details of partnerships and any co-funding or in-kind support.
- Demonstrate how the activity will deliver value beyond the life of the grant.

We recommend drafting your response in a separate document first, then copying and pasting it into this form once finalised.

\*

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

### Declarations

#### Risk Awareness \*

☐ I confirm that my organisation has appropriate governance and risk management processes in place to deliver the proposed activity

#### Conflict Of Interest \*

- ☐ I declare that no actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest exist; or
- ☐ I declare that any conflicts of interest will be disclosed if invited to Stage Two

At least 1 choice must be selected.

#### Final Declarations \*

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- ☐ I confirm that the information provided is true and correct
- ☐ I understand that this is a competitive process and not all EOIs will be shortlisted
- ☐ I understand that non-shortlisted EOIs will not be provided feedback

At least 3 choices must be selected.

## Statistical Information

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### Awareness and Promotion

**Where did you first hear about the 2026-27 National Foundation for Australia-China Relations grant round?**

\*

- |                                                         |                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Australian Overseas Missions   | <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DFAT State or Territory office | <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook                       | <input type="checkbox"/> University grants office    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Foundation      | <input type="checkbox"/> WeChat                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation website             | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GrantConnect                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram                      |                                                      |

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

**Please share any recommendations to improve how the Foundation communicates and promotes its grant opportunities.**

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

### Application Preparation

**The Foundation recognises that some applicants may use AI tools to support writing and editing.**

Note: Your response will not affect the assessment of your EOI application.

**Were AI tools used in the submission process of this Application? \***

☐ Yes

☐ No

### EOI Feedback

**To what extent do you support the introduction of a two-stage application process (EOI then invited full application)? \***

☐ Strongly support

☐ Support

☐ Neutral

☐ Do not support

☐ Strongly do not support

**Please briefly explain your response above (optional).**

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