

THU-AUA SDG Fellowship Program 2025-2026

Application Guidelines

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THU-AUA SDG Fellowship Program is launched by Tsinghua University (THU) with the support of THU Envision SDG Fund, which was recently established with generous donation by [Envision Energy](#), a world-leading green technology company that provides renewable energy system solutions for global enterprises, government and institutions.

The program provides financial support for scholars from non-THU AUA members to conduct one-week academic visits at THU, with the purpose of enhancing collaboration on research contributing to Sustainable Development Goals. Interested scholars are welcome to take this opportunity to advance research, share knowledge, and establish more academic connections within the AUA community.

1. General Information of THU-AUA SDG Fellowship Program

- a) The 2025-2026 program cycle will award 28 THU-AUA SDG Fellows, with two scholars nominated by each non-THU AUA member university.
- b) Applicants who are selected to the Program are known as THU-AUA SDG Fellows.
- c) A THU-AUA SDG Fellow is required to complete an academic visit at Tsinghua University for a minimum of 5 working days by 31 March 2026.
- d) THU provides a grant of 1,800 USD (including tax and bank charges generated from the recipient's side) to each THU-AUA SDG Fellow. A certificate will be issued after the successful completion of the academic visit.

2. Eligibility of Applicants

This fellowship program is open to scholars who meet the following requirements.

- a) Employment: The applicant must be employed as a full-time faculty member or researcher of a non-THU AUA member university.
- b) Research area: The academic visit proposed by the applicant must aim to promote research collaboration that aligns with the following Sustainable Development Goals:
 - Environmental (SDG 7/12-15): affordable and clean energy; responsible consumption and production; climate action; life below water; life on land
 - Social (SDG 4/10/11): quality education; reduced inequalities; sustainable cities and communities
 - Economic (SDG 9): industry, innovation and infrastructure
- c) Visit plan: The applicant shall have a detailed plan for the academic visit at Tsinghua University, identifying the purposes of the visit, the dates of the visit, the host professor, and a general schedule of academic activities in the

application form. The academic activities during the visit may include giving lectures or academic talks, meeting professors or students, attending courses or academic conferences, doing experiments, etc. The academic activities scheduled for working days should take place at Tsinghua University.

- d) Invitation letter: The applicant must obtain from a host professor at Tsinghua University an invitation letter that includes a general schedule of academic activities during the visit.
- e) Program dates: All academic visits are required to be scheduled *between 1 September 2025 and 31 March 2026*.
- f) Duration: The academic visit shall be no shorter than *5 working days*. Kindly note:
 - ♦ A working day means a *weekday* on which at least one academic activity is scheduled.
 - ♦ Weekends or public holidays are not considered as working days even if academic activities are scheduled on them.

3. Nomination of THU-AUA SDG Fellows

Each AUA member university is invited to nominate 2 THU-AUA SDG Fellows. Please send the names of the nominated fellows to aua@tsinghua.edu.cn by 24:00 (UTC+8), 1 September (Mon) 2025, together with application materials of each applicant as listed below:

- a) An application form without signature (doc format)
- b) An application form with signature (pdf or jpg format)
- c) A most updated curriculum vitae of the applicant
- d) A signed invitation letter from a host professor at Tsinghua University

Kindly note that only nominations from the AUA Executives or AUA contact persons will be accepted.

4. Reception of Fellowship

- a) According to the financial regulations of Tsinghua University, there are two options for receiving the fellowship. First, the fellowship can be transferred to the host professor, who will reimburse the fellow for airfare and/or accommodation costs, up to a maximum of 1800 USD. Alternatively, the fellowship can be transferred directly to the THU-AUA SDG fellows after the successful completion of their visit. For the second option, specific requirements must be met, including the type of visa and the submission of relevant documents.
- b) THU-AUA SDG Fellows must send email to aua@tsinghua.edu.cn to discuss the details of fellowship remittance at least one month ahead of their academic visit.

5. Requirements for AUA Scholars

- a) THU-AUA SDG Fellows are expected to conduct the academic visits as stated in

their Application Forms. Each fellow is permitted to change the visiting dates for only once. Once awarded, THU-AUA SDG Fellows are not allowed to change the host professor or the host university.

- b) THU-AUA SDG Fellows are required to submit a summary of their visits within one month from the end of their visit. A certificate of the THU-AUA SDG Fellowship Program will be emailed to the individuals who have successfully completed their academic visit and submitted their summary.

6. Contact

Questions regarding the nomination of THU-AUA SDG Fellows can be sent to aua@tsinghua.edu.cn.