

China Collaborative Frequently Asked Questions

The Katherine A. Kendall Institute is pleased with the overwhelming interest in the China Collaborative. A list of frequently asked questions about the program appears below. If your question is not addressed here, please contact [Andrea Bediako](mailto:abediako@cswe.org) (abediako@cswe.org).

- What are the specific requirements and guidelines in terms of length and content of the proposal?

Proposals should include a brief overview of the social work program, summary of past and present international projects, mention of any specific work in China, international affiliations (IASSW, IFSW, etc.), objectives for the 5 years of the project, and possible research topics to be explored. Proposals should be no more than 10 pages.

- What are CSWE-KAKI, IASSW, and the China Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) contributing to the collaborative?

The three organizations will be involved in the selection and pairing of the schools, organizing conferences, and providing administrative and technical support for the partnerships.

- Not clear about what the \$50,000 provides in financial support?

The \$50,000 figure is an estimate of the cost for the partnership administration that includes but is not limited to travel, living expenses during exchanges (room and board), textbooks, translation services, conferences, and so forth. We estimate that these are the costs to the individual programs. No funds will be transferred to CSWE.

- Is the \$10,000 yearly fee paid directly to CSWE?

No, CSWE will not accept money from participating schools. This should be part of the program's annual budget.

- What is the faculty time commitment?

The individual colleges and universities must make this decision.

- Could \$50,000 be in-kind support or in-cash funds?

It could be a combination, but programs are required to make some cash contributions (e.g., airfare, accommodations, etc.) for their faculty and students as well as those from the partner program in China.

- Who is overseeing collaborative?

An advisory council comprised of CSWE Katherine A. Kendall Institute advisory board members, IASSW members, and members of CASWE.

- What is meant by "regular exchange activities organized by CSWE" that all participating schools need to attend? Is there any sense of how frequent these might be?

The Collaborative plans to hold periodic workshops and conferences at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting as well as meetings in China. There may be one or two meetings held each year.

- For events between the two paired schools, are there specific requirements such as frequency of faculty exchange, student summer study, and conferences?

Schools will determine the frequency and types of exchanges; the context of each pairing will determine the requirements.

- How will the schools be paired with each other? If we already have relationships with certain Chinese universities, can we suggest being paired with them in the proposal?

Schools will be paired based on size, areas of expertise, and other factors that will lead to a productive partnership; suggestions for pairing will be considered.

- Will CSWE provide any technical or other support to guide universities selected for engagement?

Yes, the advisory council will provide technical support for the Collaborative.

- Are there any specific requirements regarding the uses of the required \$10,000 in annual funding to be provided by participating universities?

No.