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NSW GOVERNMENT OFFERS UP TO \$500K FOR CHINA RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

The NSW Government is offering up to \$500,000 in grants to support collaborations between NSW and Chinese researchers in areas as diverse as ICT, energy, mining, agriculture and astronomy.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Trade and Investment, Andrew Stoner said the grants, which are being offered through the NSW Science Leveraging Fund - China Research Leveraging Program, are open to NSW researchers applying for funding through the Commonwealth's Australia-China Science and Research Fund.

"International research collaborations are critical in building the State's knowledge capacity and keeping NSW at the cutting-edge of new technology and innovations," Mr Stoner said.

"International research collaborations also help to develop commercial relationships for world consumer markets.

"China is an economic powerhouse and is NSW's largest bilateral trading partner. The NSW Government is determined to build stronger relationships with China in a number of areas including research, which we hope will bring benefits to both of us.

"The NSW Government is similarly committed to supporting the State's world-class research sector – and we recognise the importance of supporting our researchers that are bidding for significant Commonwealth funding.

"That is why we are making up to \$500,000 available to support NSW applicants whose projects are successful under the Commonwealth Government's Australia-China Science and Research Fund," Mr Stoner said.

The Australia-China Science and Research Fund focuses on building collaborative partnerships between the Australian and Chinese research communities around key areas including:

- Agriculture and biological sciences
- Earth and planetary sciences
- Energy
- Environmental science
- ICT
- Mining
- Physics and astronomy.

"These are all areas where New South Wales has considerable research strength," Mr Stoner said.

Applications for the grants close **Wednesday 15 February 2012**. For more information including guidelines and application forms visit www.business.nsw.gov.au/innovation-and-research/grants-and-assistance