Dear Secretaries-General,

On behalf of Mr Xing Qu, Assistant Director-General for Priority Africa and External Relations a.i., we are pleased to share with you the *Announcement Letter* for the 2026-2027 edition of the UNESCO/China – the Great Wall Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme.

For the academic year 2026-2027, UNESCO and the Government of China will co-sponsor seventy-five (75) fellowships. Among these fellowships, **twenty-seven (27) vacancies** will be open for new recruitment to candidates who wish to pursue postgraduate degree studies (including Master’s and Doctoral studies), or one-year visiting scholar programmes in China. Detailed information of the Programme is provided in the attached *Application Guidelines*, including the list of invited Member States, the procedures to submit candidatures, as well as the relevant forms and instructions for applicants.

You are kindly invited to submit two (2) candidates, and one of them should be woman.

To allow adequate time for the pre-selection and nomination process at the national level, candidates are required to submit their applications to their National Commissions by Friday, 23 January 2026.

**The official nomination should be submitted to UNESCO exclusively by e-mail, to the address**[**thegreatwall@unesco.org**](mailto:thegreatwall@unesco.org)**, by 10 February 2026 at the latest**. The submitted documents should include the official letter of nomination, as well as the complete application documents of the nominated candidates.

Programme information and Application Guidelines are also available on UNESCO Fellowships Webpage under this [link](https://www.unesco.org/en/fellowships/greatwall).

We would be grateful if you could disseminate this call, together with the documents and the webpage link, through your national network to ensure that it reaches the most qualified candidates in your country.

With our renewed sincere thanks for your contribution to our Organisation’s work.

Yours sincerely,

National Commissions and Fellowships Unit