

September 25, 2013

Dear Dr. Yan Zhou,

The LeRoy Eyring Center for Solid State Science (LE-CSSS) at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona is pleased to invite you as a visiting scholar working under the guidance of Professor Jingyue (Jimmy) Liu. Prof. Liu's group has a broad program in nanoscale science and technology with a focus on heterogeneous catalysis and the development of advanced electron microscopy techniques. During your visit, you will have access to the advanced electron microscopes housed within the John M. Cowley Center for High Resolution Electron Microscopy.

The objective of your visit is to use the aberration-corrected electron microscopes, especially the aberration-corrected environmental TEM, to characterize heterogeneous catalysts of your interest. You will also have access to Professor Liu's catalyst synthesis and testing facilities housed in the Department of Physics at ASU. The LE-CSSS staff members will provide training and help as specified in the DICP-ASU contract.

Your position here will be in the Research Scholar category of the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) and would take place between 12/15/2013 to 12/14/2014, pending verification of visa eligibility. It is understood that you have secured funding from your home institution, the Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (DICP) to cover all your expenses during your stay at Arizona State University (ASU). It is also understood that during your stay at ASU, LE-CSSS will provide you an additional \$1,500/month for non-payroll expenses, drawn from a special fund established by DICP. There will be two separate trips to ASU, bookending an extended return of 6-12 months to DICP for collaboration with your home institution and sharing of data, with the purpose of refining and re-directing your research during the final ASU trip. Please coordinate visa/DS-2019 extension requests with Ms. Fuentes, at least 60 days before the scheduled end of your current visa/DS-2019. Please also note that this invitation may be extended to more years (for a maximum duration of 5 years cumulative), depending on your research progress.

Aside from institutional affiliation with ASU, the LE-CSSS will provide an office and access to a shared computer lab. You will be responsible for your own lodging while visiting, but may request LE-CSSS guidance and recommendations.

U.S. regulations require J-1 Exchange Visitors and their J-2 dependents to carry health insurance for the duration of their exchange program in the United States. You will not qualify for ASU Faculty and Staff Health insurance and **must** purchase alternative insurance that meets

regulatory requirements. Please see the attached Medical Insurance Requirements and Compliance Form, which also includes a non-exhaustive list of health insurance options available for purchase.

Should you have any questions relating to your transition to ASU, please feel free to contact Ms. Adrienne Fuentes, Business Operations Manager, with the LE-CSSS. She can be reached via email Adrienne.Fuentes@asu.edu or at (480) 965-4546. We look forward to your visit!

Sincerely,



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