

CICM International Research Program (2024–2026)

The **CICM International Research Program** was implemented during **2024–2026** through collaboration between the Chulabhorn International College of Medicine (CICM), Thammasat University, Thailand, and Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CDUTCM), China.

The program aimed to strengthen the **international research collaboration network** between the two institutions and promote the exchange of research knowledge, methodologies, and academic experience among researchers and faculty members. It provided opportunities for **joint Ph.D. students and visiting scholars from CDUTCM** to undertake research and academic activities at CICM under the supervision of CICM faculty members.

The collaboration covered research related to **Traditional Chinese Medicine, modern medicine, biomedical sciences, clinical research, interdisciplinary research, and medical education**, with an emphasis on research capacity development and sustainable international research partnerships.

While the program was implemented during **2024–2026**, the mobility and research periods of individual participants were determined according to their approved training and research schedules. **As a result, some researchers selected or arranged under the program may undertake or continue their research stays at CICM beyond 2026, including during 2027–2028.**

Program at a Glance

Item	Program Information
Partner Institution	Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (CDUTCM), China
Host Institution	Chulabhorn International College of Medicine (CICM), Thammasat University, Thailand
Program Period	2024–2026
Program Type	International research and academic exchange
Participants	Joint Ph.D. students and visiting scholars
Annual Framework	3 joint Ph.D. students and 3 visiting scholars per year

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Research Areas	Traditional Chinese Medicine, modern medicine, biomedical sciences, clinical research, interdisciplinary research, and medical education
Supervision	Individual CICM faculty advisors matched according to research interests and expertise
Program Administration	Research & Innovation Division, CICM
Research Stay Period	Individual schedules vary; some research stays extend into 2027–2028

Researchers under the 2024–2026 Program

The program involved **joint Ph.D. students and visiting scholars from CDUTCM who were selected or arranged under the 2024–2026 program framework**. Each researcher was matched with a CICM faculty advisor according to the participant’s research interests and the expertise available at CICM.

Individual research periods varied according to approved training and research plans. Accordingly, **some research stays initiated or arranged under the 2024–2026 program extend into 2027–2028**.

No.	Researcher	Category	Research Period	CICM Advisor	Status
1	Xing Tang	Joint Ph.D. Training	2 Jan – 31 Aug 2025	Assoc. Prof. Sattrachai Prasopdee, Ph.D.	Completed
2	Xiao Wang	Visiting Scholar	20 Sep – 17 Dec 2025	Asst. Prof. Tullayakorn Plengsuriyakarn, Ph.D.	Completed
3	Jianzhen Jiang	Joint Ph.D. Training	5 Oct 2025 – 27 Mar 2026	Assoc. Prof. Sophida Sukprasert, Ph.D.	Completed
4	Dekun Liu	Joint Ph.D. Training	10 Oct 2025 – 10 Apr 2026	Assoc. Prof. Napamanee Kornthong, Ph.D.	Completed
5	Peng-Fei Zeng	Joint Ph.D. Training	1 Sep 2026 – 28 Feb 2027	Assoc. Prof. Veerachai Thitapakorn, Ph.D.	Currently at CICM
6	Rui Lai	Joint Ph.D. Training	1 Oct 2026 – 31 Mar 2027	Assoc. Prof. Sophida Sukprasert, Ph.D.	Scheduled

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7	Yao-Yao Chen	Visiting Scholar	17 Oct 2026 – 16 Jan 2027	Asst. Prof. Chuntida Kamalashiran, Ph.D.	Scheduled
8	Shuang Liu	Visiting Scholar	17 Oct 2026 – 16 Jan 2027	Asst. Prof. Atipat Yasiri, Ph.D.	Scheduled
9	Cheng-Guo Su	Visiting Scholar	21 Nov 2026 – 21 Feb 2027	Asst. Prof. Paradi Sangvatanakul, Ph.D.	Scheduled
10	Yang-Zhang	Joint Ph.D. Training	23 Dec 2026 – 24 May 2027	Paween Kunsorn, Ph.D.	Scheduled
11	Xin-yue Yang	Joint Ph.D. Training	23 Dec 2026 – 24 May 2027	Asst. Prof. Thana Juckmeta, Ph.D.	Scheduled
12	Minjie Zhou	Joint Ph.D. Training	23 Dec 2026 – 24 May 2027	Assoc. Prof. Kanta, Ph.D.	Scheduled
13	Xi-Ping Duan	Joint Ph.D. Training	1 Oct 2027 – 29 Feb 2028	—	Scheduled
14	Zhao-Xuan He	Visiting Scholar	1 Oct – 31 Dec 2027	—	Scheduled
15	Xiang Wang	Visiting Scholar	1 Oct – 31 Dec 2027	—	Scheduled

Research and Academic Activities

The program was designed to provide an **individualized research experience** based on each participant's academic background and the expertise of the CICM faculty advisor. Research activities were developed through consultation between researchers and supervisors rather than through a standardized curriculum.

Activities could include:

- literature review and development of research questions;
- participation in ongoing CICM research projects;
- laboratory-based and biomedical research;
- clinical and Traditional Chinese Medicine-related research;
- interdisciplinary research integrating Traditional Chinese Medicine with modern medical sciences;
- research methodology and academic discussions;

- exchange of research technologies and methodologies;
- academic seminars and research meetings; and
- development of future collaborative research projects between CICM and CDUTCM.

For **joint Ph.D. students**, the program emphasized the development of research skills, exposure to new research technologies, interdisciplinary perspectives, and international research experience. Clinical observation and academic exchange could also be incorporated according to individual research plans.

For **visiting scholars**, activities could focus on laboratory and mechanism research, clinical research, or medical education research, depending on the scholar's expertise and the research opportunities available at CICM.

Research Collaboration Model

A key feature of the program was the **matching of CDUTCM researchers with CICM faculty advisors** based on complementary expertise and research interests.

Participants could be integrated into **existing research projects and research teams at CICM**, enabling them to gain practical research experience while contributing to ongoing institutional research activities.

This model supported **researcher-to-researcher connections** and provided a foundation for longer-term collaboration between faculty members of CICM and CDUTCM.

What Researchers Gained

Through participation in the program, researchers were provided opportunities to:

- strengthen their **research methodology and academic research skills**;
- gain experience with **research technologies and interdisciplinary approaches**;
- broaden their understanding of research in **Traditional Chinese Medicine, modern medicine, and biomedical sciences**;
- participate in **laboratory, clinical, or medical education research** according to their areas of expertise;
- work with CICM faculty members through **individualized academic supervision**;
- develop experience in an **international and cross-cultural research environment**;

- exchange research knowledge, methodologies, and perspectives between Thailand and China; and
- establish professional networks supporting **future joint research, publications, research funding applications, and academic collaboration.**

Institutional Outcomes

The program strengthened the research partnership between **CICM and CDUTCM** by expanding collaboration beyond student education into **researcher and faculty mobility, joint research activities, and research capacity development.**

The continuing mobility of joint Ph.D. students and visiting scholars **under the 2024–2026 program, with individual research stays extending into 2027–2028,** demonstrates the development of a structured researcher mobility platform between the two institutions. The program enables CICM and CDUTCM to identify complementary areas of expertise, establish researcher-to-researcher networks, and develop opportunities for future collaborative research.

The collaboration also supports the integration of **Traditional Chinese Medicine with modern medicine and basic medical sciences,** while creating opportunities for **joint research projects, international publications, research funding applications, academic exchange, and innovation in medical and Traditional Chinese Medicine education.**

Overall, the **CICM International Research Program (2024–2026)** provides a structured platform linking **research training, international researcher mobility, interdisciplinary knowledge exchange, faculty collaboration, and long-term institutional partnership** between CICM and CDUTCM, with individual research and mobility activities continuing beyond the formal program period according to approved schedules.