
Appendix V:

Tencent Rhino-Bird Visiting Scholar Program

To strengthen cooperation in cutting-edge technologies between partner universities/research institutes and Tencent's R&D teams, Tencent UR has launched the Rhino-Bird Visiting Scholar Program. The plan will build a borderless cooperation model for Industry-University-Research. This will allow visiting scholars to better understand industrial needs and core technical challenges, engage with real-world application scenarios and data, and promote the value transformation of research results.

Tencent is responsible for matching each visiting scholar with the collaborative R&D team, so that they can carry out in-depth and systematic cooperation targeting the technical difficulties and growth points of common concern. Field visits, cooperative work, on-site communications, and rapid iterations will promote the output of high-quality academic results and accelerate the application of research results in the industry.

This program is mainly aimed at scholars who have a good foundation for scientific research cooperation with Tencent. The winners of the **CCF-Tencent Rhino-Bird Young Faculty Open Research Fund** will be eligible to become visiting scholars. The Tencent UR group is responsible for the matching fund winners and R&D teams. Both parties negotiate specific visits to Tencent according to feasibility. The Rhino-Bird Visiting Scholar Program currently does not accept open applications.

Visiting scholar qualifications:

- 1) Visiting scholars need to be full-time researchers in universities or research institutes in China or abroad;
- 2) Visiting scholars need permission from their organizations;
- 3) Visiting scholars from overseas universities need to apply for a visa to go to China themselves.

Q&A about visit management:

Q: Will winners of the CCF-Tencent Rhino-Bird Young Faculty Open Research Fund definitely visit Tencent?

A: The visiting scholar program is based on a mutual choice mechanism. The winners of the Rhino-Bird Scientific research fund can choose whether to visit Tencent according to their own schedule and needs. Tencent's R&D team can choose whether to arrange visits according to project needs.

Q: Must the visit take place in a single time period?

A: According to the project arrangement of visiting scholars and Tencent R&D team, visits can be conducted in a single time period or at intervals (such as returning to school after 2 weeks and then visiting again). The total duration of visits is counted on a weekly basis (for example, from July to September, one week each month for a total of three weeks). Short-term live meetings of 1-2 days are not included in the visit plan.

Q: Do we need to sign an agreement before a visit?

A: Winners who have signed the CCF-Tencent Rhino-Bird Young Faculty Open Research Fund Agreement do not need to sign an additional visiting scholar agreement. "CCF-Tencent Rhino-Bird Young Faculty Open Research Fund Agreement" contains the relevant clauses for visiting scholars.

Q: Who is responsible for room and board during a visit?

A: Tencent R&D team will provide visiting scholars with subsidies during their visits. Visiting scholars need to pay for their own room and board during the visit.

Q: Can students in my team make the visit together?

A: If the students need to work for Tencent for more than one month, it is recommended they apply for the Tencent Internship Program.

Q: Can we visit at any time?

A: As there are some procedures which visiting scholars need handle before admission, please contact Xinchun Di and Tencent R&D team at least one month in advance for visiting arrangement