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Applicants Sought for U.S./China Research Exchange Program

U.S. researchers in the fields of earthquake studies, earthquake engineering and earthquake hazard mitigation are invited to apply for participation in the U.S./PRC Research Exchange Program in Earthquake Studies. The program, designed to further cooperative research in earthquake hazard mitigation between the United States and People's Republic of China (PRC), is jointly sponsored by NSF in the U.S. and the Ministry of Construction in the PRC. It is being coordinated by MCEER. Applications are now being accepted for placement during the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

The program enables selected U.S. researchers to visit host institutions in the People's Republic of China for both short-term (1-2 weeks) and long-term intervals (3, 6 or 12 months). Successful applicants will engage in cooperative research activities as outlined in *Annex III to the US/PRC Protocol for Scientific and Technical Cooperative Research in Earthquake Studies, Earthquake Engineering and Hazards Mitigation*. Exchanges are expected to begin as early as January 2000. Deadline for application is November 1, 1999.

For an application and information packet, either visit MCEER's web site at <http://mceer.buffalo.edu> or contact Andrea Dargush, MCEER, phone: (716) 645-3391 ext. 106; fax: (716) 645-3399; or email: dargush@acsu.buffalo.edu. ❖