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NTU-KU Joint Funding 2022

Call for Proposals

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In August 2020, National Taiwan University (NTU) and Kyoto University (KU) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to form a strategic partnership to strengthen their cooperation on research and education, including the initiation of new projects. As part of their efforts under the MOU, NTU and KU have launched a funding initiative to support joint research projects. This initiative aims to enable NTU and KU faculty, researchers, and students to identify complementary strengths, facilitate synergy, and promote the development of high-quality collaborations.

The funding will focus on fostering sustainable and high-value collaborative projects that benefit both universities and the wider academic community. New and recently established projects conducted in collaboration between NTU and KU are invited to apply for funding through the initiative. Details of the joint funding are as follows:

Eligibility:

The principle investigators (PIs) from NTU and KU must be current full-time faculty members for the entire duration of the funding period.

Scope of funding:

The funding will be used mainly to provide support for travel expenses and other costs associated with mobility and the organization of international events to enable faculty members from both institutions to deepen their understanding of complementary interests and strengths. Collaborators from institutions other than NTU and KU are welcome to participate in the funded projects, but are not eligible to receive direct financial support through the program.

Funding provided by NTU may be used for mobility and international events in Taiwan. A portion of the funding may be used to hire part-time assistants, but this must not exceed a third of the funding. NTU shall award up to TWD 150,000 per project proposal. The total budget for funds provided by NTU in each funding period will be approximately TWD600,000. Funding provided by NTU is sourced from the Taiwan Ministry of Education (MOE)'s Higher Education Sprout Project. Funding recipients are requested to follow all relevant regulations, including the following:

- All travel expenses must comply with the regulations of NTU and the MOE.
- Funding cannot be used for venue costs within NTU.
- Funding may be used to hire part-time assistants but must not exceed a third of the total award.

Funding provided by KU shall be used mainly for the mobility of early career

researchers (ECRs) travelling from NTU to KU to participate in collaborative projects lead by PIs at NTU and KU. For these purposes “ECRs” are defined as graduate students or researchers who have held a PhD or a Master’s degree for a maximum of five years and currently engage in research at NTU. PIs at KU who host ECRs from NTU may be granted funding of up to JPY 100,000 per ECR to subsidize their travel expenses. Funding for up to four ECRs may be awarded per project proposal. The total budget for funds provided by KU in each funding period will be approximately JPY 2,000,000. Funding recipients are requested to follow all relevant regulations, including the following:

- All travel expenses must comply with the relevant KU regulations.
- ECR visits to KU must be for a period of at least 10 days. The date of arrival in Kyoto must be within the specified project period (between April 1, 2022, and February 28, 2023).

Application procedures:

Application materials must be submitted simultaneously to both NTU and KU via email to the following departments:

- The Office of International Affairs, NTU: ntuglobalea@ntu.edu.tw
- The International Affairs Division, KU: ipromo@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp

The PIs at NTU and KU should discuss and draft the project proposal jointly using the prescribed form, and submit it to the above email addresses.

Selection criteria:

Committees at NTU and KU will jointly evaluate the proposals and select successful applicants based on the following criteria:

1. Overall proposal: a holistic assessment of the project and its activities, including an assessment of the feasibility of the proposed outcomes.
2. Student participation: an assessment of the opportunities provided for student involvement (proposals should preferably include regular bilateral student involvement).
3. Project outlook/sustainability: an assessment of whether there is a plan for further collaboration in the future, building on the achievements of the current project (future plans can include applications for external sources of funding).
4. Impact: an assessment of the project’s potential impact on the partner universities and the wider academic community, including the ways in which the project will contribute to the collaboration and partnership between NTU and KU.
5. Appropriateness: an assessment of whether the contents of the proposal is appropriate for the funding.

Project timeline:

Application period	December 1, 2021 – January 14, 2022
Announcement of results	March 2022
Project duration	April 2022 – February 2023

Funding period:

- At KU: April 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023
- At NTU: April 1 – December 31, 2022
- Funding must be used within the funding period. Unused funding cannot be extended.

Obligations of funding recipients (PIs at NTU and KU, ECRs):

- Recipients must mention the funding on all appropriate media. Any events arising from activities supported by this funding should include an acknowledgement mentioning “National Taiwan University-Kyoto University Joint Funding.” Any publications or presentations arising from activities supported by this funding should include the acknowledgement “This publication/presentation is supported in part by the National Taiwan University-Kyoto University Joint Funding.” Please notify the Office of International Affairs at NTU and the International Affairs Division at KU when making acknowledgements.
- Within three months after the end of the funded project, recipients must submit a final report of the project’s outcomes (including actions taken, contacts made, challenges or difficulties met, and future plans for the development of the recipient’s research/academic career). The reports may be posted on the websites of NTU and KU. NTU and KU will continue to monitor the project outcomes to aid the further development of the funding program.
- Funding recipients must comply with all relevant laws and university rules, including those relating to export security control, intellectual property, code of conduct, etc.

Others matters:

- Please note that, in some cases, the funding provided may not be sufficient to fully cover the costs of the proposed activities.
- No details will be provided regarding the evaluation of individual applications by the selection committees.
- Applicants who wish to apply for funding from both NTU and KU are required to submit separate applications for each funding program.

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