



CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2020 Joint Research Projects

The grant is based on a former French-Singaporean partnership known as “USPC-NUS”. The grant has been designed with the objective of **fostering new collaborations in higher education and research between Europe and Southeast Asia**. Since 2013, three calls for proposals have been launched annually to fund joint research initiatives, international doctoral student mobility and innovative projects in higher education.

The aim of the calls for proposals is to support **high quality** and preferably **interdisciplinary research** between partners. Its principal objective is to foster and promote a long-standing cooperation between its partners across diverse disciplines, from life, physical and engineering sciences to social sciences and humanities and to allow new topics and collaborations to emerge.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

The call for joint research projects is open to researchers in all disciplines. **Projects must be led jointly by full-time faculty members from partners since the collaboration should be across institutions.**

[Sciences Po](#), [Inalco](#), [Université Sorbonne Paris Nord](#), [FMSH](#) are encouraged to apply as co-PIs with a PI from Université de Paris¹. Third parties from other institutions are also welcome to take part in research activities related to the project but they cannot be Principal Investigators.

Proposals may include:

- Thematic workshops with graduate students and faculty members from both institutions
- Joint conferences, seminars and publications
- Travel allowances for faculty wishing to spend significant time in partner universities, in Paris or Singapore, as part of a research project

Preference will be given to proposals that intend to build sustainable links between Partners.

Each project will be funded on a two-year long basis in amounts of up to 50 000€ (approx. 80 000 SGD). **Doctoral students who are part of a joint research team are encouraged to apply through the doctoral mobility call for proposals** for an additional individual stipend of 5 000€ or 8 000 SGD.

¹ Université de Paris was created on 1 January 2020 from the merger of three institutions that were part of the USPC consortium: Université Paris Descartes (Paris 5), Université Paris Diderot (Paris 7) and Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris (IPGP).



PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

To apply, please complete the joint application form and submit it to:
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By 30 July 2020

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Applications are assessed individually by each side³ and jointly reviewed by a committee composed of members of both partners. This call for proposals is part of the French Excellence Initiative (IDEX) and a steering committee will oversee the evaluation procedure.

The selection will be based on the academic excellence of the project, the quality and originality of the team and the value of the French and Singapore partnership, the coherence of the budget proposal with the project, its contribution to the broader research interests of partners, and the potential for further collaboration and external funding.

As academic calendars are disrupted by the COVID-19 crisis, the programme timeline had to be rescheduled. The results will be announced before the end of 2020 and projects are expected to start in January 2021.

GRANT MANAGEMENT

- Timeline: the project-related expenses should be incurred within two years of the date of award. Extension may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Progress reports: recipients must report briefly on the activities for which the grant is being utilised and on any progress toward obtaining external support for the project
- Acknowledgement: **recipients are expected to acknowledge the support of the joint research project grant -including the IDEX code- in any publication or presentation** which must be listed in the progress reports. All the details will be indicated on the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) signed by the awardees.
- Payment request: the payment and post-award financial management should be administered through the existing practice at the lead principal investigator's institution, i.e. recipients from UParis and IPGP will follow their institution's financial procedures and recipients from NUS their own financial rules.

CONTACTS & INFORMATION

For questions and further details related to the call please contact:

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³ At Paris, the proposals will be reviewed by a steering committee composed by the Vice-President for international strategy and vice-deans for international affairs from each faculty and partners, among others. At NUS, the proposals will be assessed by the Office of the Deputy President (Research & Technology).