



CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2020 Joint Innovative Projects in Higher Education

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.

This fifth call for joint innovative projects in higher education intends to support **collaborative teaching and/or education research initiatives at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels**, preferably interdisciplinary projects between partners (though disciplinary collaborations are also welcome). Its principal aim is to promote a long-standing cooperation between its partners across diverse disciplines, including life, physical and engineering sciences to social sciences and humanities.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

The call for joint innovative projects in higher education is open to faculty members from 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 co-PI from Université de Paris¹ and benefit from the joint project, but will not receive direct funding. Third parties from other institutions are also welcome to take part in research activities related to the project but they cannot be Principal Investigators.

The grant is intended to cover the development of **joint innovative projects in education** that could be scalable and **that will enable the institutions involved to establish a long-term partnership**. Travel expenses are eligible but they should remain occasional and with the objective to fund face-to-face meetings for the PIs in the event this was necessary for the success of the joint project.

Priority topics:

- Initiatives related to virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR) and mixed reality (MR) for education purposes.
- Joint online courses, MOOCs (massively organised online courses) and SPOCs (small private online courses)
- Initiatives to enhance teaching and learning by building digital capacity in higher education
- Joint initiatives related to student entrepreneurship (start-ups, incubators, etc.)

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).



Proposals may also include:

- Activities organised within the framework of or aiming at establishing a double degree programme
- Short-term programmes using technology for education (summer schools, executive education, etc.)

Each project will be funded on a year-long basis in amounts of up to 50 000€ or SGD 75 000. **Priority will be given to proposals that intend to build sustainable links between partners.**

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

To apply, please complete the joint application form and submit it to:

Joint Innovative Projects in Higher Education

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By 30 July 2020

REVIEW PROCESS

A first screening of applications will be done by partners in order to verify that the applications comply with the requirements stated in the present call for proposals.

Applications are assessed separately on each side³ and PIs will need to present their project to a committee online (i.e. using Zoom, Skype or another dedicated platform to be advised). Finally, the results of the evaluation will be ranked by a joint committee composed of members of 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 and innovative aspects of the project, the quality of the team and the value of the French and Singapore partnership, coherence of budget proposal with the project, its contribution to the broader academic interests of partners and the potential for further collaboration.

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 12 months of the date of award indicated in the Letter of Acceptance (LOA). 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. PIs are encouraged to co-publish and disseminate the results of their joint project and to look for additional sources of funding in order to pursue the collaboration in the long-term.
- 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 institution, i.e. recipients from UParis will follow their institution's financial procedures and recipients from NUS their own financial rules.

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 UP faculty and partners, among others. At NUS, the proposals will be assessed by the Office of the Senior Deputy President & Provost.

CONTACTS & INFORMATION

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