



Paris-NUS Call for proposals 2021 Joint Innovative Projects in Higher Education

The Paris-NUS grant has been designed with the objective of **fostering new collaborations in higher education and research between Europe and Southeast Asia**. Since 2013, several 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 **collaborative teaching and/or education research initiatives at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels** between partners, promoting a long-standing cooperation across diverse disciplines – from life, physical and engineering sciences to social sciences and humanities – and allowing new collaborations to emerge.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

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

The French partners are [Université de Paris](#), [Sciences Po](#) and [Inalco](#).

Faculty members from [Université Sorbonne Paris Nord](#) and [ined](#) are also encouraged to apply as co-PIs with a PI from Université de Paris.

Third parties from other institutions are welcome to take part in research activities related to the project but they cannot be Principal Investigators nor receive direct funding.

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.

Proposals may include but are not limited to:

- **Projects addressing the issue of teaching and learning during a pandemic**
- Initiatives related to virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR) and mixed reality (MR) for education purposes.
- Joint online courses, MOOCs (massive open 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.)
- 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 for two years 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:
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by 15 June 2021

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 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.

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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, the coherence of the budget proposal with the project, its contribution to the broader academic interests of partners, and the potential for further collaboration.

The results will be announced on a rolling basis before the end of October 2021 for NUS-INALCO and NUS-Sciences Po projects, and in early November for projects involving Université de Paris. All projects are expected to start in November 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 and logo – 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 the French partners will follow their institution's financial procedures and recipients from NUS their own financial rules.

CONTACTS & INFORMATION

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