Université de Paris - King's College London

Joint Research Award

Call for Proposals 2021/22

1. Introduction

Université de Paris and King's College London hereby launch a call for joint research projects to promote and strengthen collaborations between their researchers.

2. Research Themes

The present call invites research proposals in all fields of knowledge. We are keen to support projects in Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, STEM[1] and Health subjects. Inter-disciplinary proposals and research collaborations relevant to the cities of Paris and London are particularly welcomed.

The selected research projects will contribute to science development, knowledge exchange and educational innovation in the true spirit of collaborative projects, whose efforts will be committed to supporting the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

3. Duration and Funding

Proposals will be funded for 12 months starting from November 2021.

King's will fund selected projects with an equivalent total of up to €15,000 per project. Université de Paris will also fund the equivalent amount of up to €15,000 per project. **A single joint project may therefore receive up to €30,000 in total** under this joint funding call, with a balanced contribution from each institution. The funds must be spent by 31/12/2022.

4. Eligibility criteria

Principal Investigators (PIs) should be full-time faculty members, or post-doctoral researchers at King's College London, with a contract of employment for the full length of the proposed project.

Principal Investigators (PIs) should be full-time faculty members at Université de Paris, with a contract of employment for the full length of the proposed project.

Faculty/Institutional members of the Sorbonne Paris Cité Alliance (Sciences Po, Inalco, Université Sorbonne Paris Nord and Ined) are also invited to apply as co-PIs with a PI from Université de Paris.

First-time applications will be strongly encouraged. The programme can be considered stand alone or as a pilot project.

[1] Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

6. Timeline

Call announced on Université de Paris and King's College London websites	6 May 2021
Closing date for submission of proposals	22 June 2021
Selection	June - October 2021
Offer letters sent and grant agreements returned (Research ethics review if needed)	1st week of November 2021
Suggested activity/project time	November 2021 – December 2022

7. Submission conditions

All proposals should include the following documents:

7.1 Joint Research Proposal form which contains:

Section A-D: Basic information
Section E: Project summary
Section F: Research plan (including):

- Objectives
- Background: Summary of existing status quo/state-of-the-art and challenges
- Research Strategy and Methodology:
- Identification of project-relevant background intellectual property (if applicable)

Section G: 2 to 5 selected publications by PI's within the last 5 years, with relevance to the proposed project
Section H: Potential impact and next steps
Section I: (for King's applicant only) Research Ethics self-evaluation check (click here to see the instruction)

7.2 Budget Plan (please use the budget template provided, click here to download)

7.3 Two support letters from Heads of Department / Research unit or equivalent from both PIs' departments / Research units. (If the PIs are HoD/Research unit themselves, please provide support letters from Faculty Vice Deans or their equivalent)

8. How to apply

The **proposal** as specified in Section 7 must be submitted by 22 June (up to 23.59h local time), jointly by the PIs from the Université de Paris and King's to both Université de Paris

(internationalisation.iro@u-paris.fr) **and** to King's College London (globalengagement@kcl.ac.uk) simultaneously.

9. Evaluation

9.1 The evaluation of the proposals will be undertaken by an internal review panel at each university, following the evaluation criteria (9.2), with additional evaluation by external reviewers if considered necessary.

The review panel will include:

- At Université de Paris –
  - The Research Committee, aided by the International Committee Vice-Deans.
- At King's College, London –
  Faculty Vice-Dean's International / Vice-Dean's Research, King's Research & Management Directorate.

The two universities will then exchange the shortlists of proposals and a Steering Committee, including Université de Paris' International Vice-Principal and Research/IdEX Vice-Principal and King's Vice-President /Principal International and Global Envoy for Health Schools will agree on the final, joint selection of projects short-listed by each university.

For Université de Paris, the IdEx steering Committee will have final say in the selection, in accordance with IdEx statutory regulations.

For King's Vice-President /Principal International will have final say in the selection.

9.2 Evaluation criteria include:

- scientific quality, inter-disciplinary collaboration, and innovativeness of the research plan
- feasibility of the research plan
- competence and expertise of the applicants from both countries
- potential of leading to further grant applications in the future
- impact of the research on the cities of London-Paris and beyond

10. Reporting and public engagement

10.1 PIs will be asked to return a written report of achievements and spending at the end of the project

10.2 At the end of the project, a symposium (virtual or physical) will be held with selected members of both institutions, when PIs will be asked to present their research findings and perspectives.

PIs may also be asked to present their research project to key stakeholders from City of Paris/London and respective Embassies.

11. Contacts

For any queries related to this joint call, please contact the following colleagues:

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