Paris-NUS Call for proposals 2024
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** and has funded several joint research initiatives, international doctoral student mobility and innovative projects in higher education in the past ten years.

The aim of the calls for proposals is to support **high quality interdisciplinary projects** 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. **Priority will be given projects related to environmental and digital transitions.**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

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

The French partners are Université Paris Cité, Sciences Po and Inalco. Projects could be bilateral (NUS and one French partner) or tri-lateral (NUS, Université Paris Cité and one co-PI from the other two partners).

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 or students in the event this was necessary for the success of the joint project. Faculty exchanges are eligible.

Proposals may include but are not limited to:

- Initiatives to enhance teaching and learning by building digital capacity in higher education
- Joint initiatives related to student entrepreneurship (start-ups, incubators, etc.)
- Initiatives related to virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR) and mixed reality (MR) for education purposes
- Joint online courses, MOOCs
- Activities organised within the framework of or aiming at establishing a double or joint degree programme
- Faculty exchanges
- Short-term programmes (summer schools, experiential learning, 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:
Dr. Mariana Losada – mariana@nus.edu.sg

by 31 May 2024

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 side, and PIs might need to present their project to a committee online. Finally, the results of the evaluation will be ranked by a joint committee composed of representatives from the partner institutions. 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, 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 in late July. All projects are expected to start in September 2024.

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 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

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

Dr. Mariana LOSADA, Paris-NUS Programme Director, mariana@nus.edu.sg
Ms. Angeline ANG, Office of the Provost, NUS, angieang@nus.edu.sg