Paris-NUS Call for Proposals 2026
Joint Innovative Projects in Higher Education

The Paris-NUS Call for Proposals 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 since 2014.

The aim of the calls for proposals is to support **high quality interdisciplinary projects** between partners, promoting long-standing cooperation across diverse disciplines – from life, physical and engineering sciences to social sciences, humanities and health sciences – 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 in all disciplines. **Projects must be led jointly by full-time faculty members from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the French partners since the collaboration should be across institutions**.

The French partners are Université Paris Cité (UPCité) and Sciences Po. Projects may be bilateral (a Principal Investigator (PI) from NUS and one from UPCité) or tri-lateral (NUS, UPCité and one co-PI from Sciences Po).

Third parties from other institutions are welcome to take part in activities related to the project, but they cannot be PIs 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 members exchanges are eligible.

Proposals may include but are not limited to:

- Initiatives to enhance teaching and learning by building digital capacity in higher education.
- Short-term programmes (joint summer schools, experiential learning, executive education, etc.).
- 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 programmes.
- Faculty exchanges.

Each project will be funded for 24 months in amounts of up to 50 000€ or S$75 000. Priority will be given to proposals that intend to build sustainable links between partners.

PROJECT TIMELINE AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Launch of the call	22 October 2025
Submission deadline	15 January 2026
Evaluation period	January-February 2026
Results	March 2026
Project start date	April 2026
Project end date (24-month period)	March 2028
Final report submission	May 2028

To apply, please complete the joint application form and submit it by **15 January 2026** to both: Dr. Mariana Losada mariana@nus.edu.sg and Ms. Angeline ANG, Office of the Provost, NUS angieang@nus.edu.sg. Please include internationalisation.iro@u-paris.fr in all communications.

REVIEW PROCESS

Partners will carry out a first screening of applications 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, compared, 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-Singapore partnership, the consistency 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 March 2026. All projects are expected to start in April 2026.

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 Innovative Project in Higher Education 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.

CONTACT & INFORMATION

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

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