Paris-NUS Call for Proposals 2026

Joint Research Projects

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 research projects is open to researchers 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 (UPCité) and Sciences Po. Projects could be bilateral (a Principal Investigator (PI) from NUS and one from UPCité) or tri-lateral (NUS, UPCité and Sciences Po).

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

Proposals may include but are not limited to:

- Thematic workshops with faculty members and graduate students from both institutions.
- Joint conferences, seminars and publications.
- Travel allowances for faculty wishing to spend significant time in partner universities, in Paris or Singapore, as part of a research project with the objective of applying to other grants.

Preference will be given to **proposals that intend to build sustainable links between partners**.

Each project will be funded on a 24-month long basis in amounts of up to 50 000 € or 80 000 SGD.

Proposals may include doctoral candidate mobility. The doctoral candidates concerned must, in additional, submit an application to the Doctoral Mobility Call for Proposals in order to be eligible for an additional individual stipend of €5 000 or S$8 000.

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:
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Please include internationalisation.iro@u-paris.fr in all communications.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Applications are assessed individually by each side and jointly reviewed by a 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 of the project, the quality and originality 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 research interests of partners, and the potential for further collaboration and external funding.

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.
- **Progress reports**: recipients must report 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.

CONTACT & INFORMATION

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

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