

Call for Proposals: NCKU International Research Collaboration Program- Application Deadline: February 7, 2025

1. This program aims to foster international research collaborations to enhance NCKU's research capacity and cultivate distinguished research talents. Full-time faculty, and research staff are encouraged to participate in this program by collaborating with benchmark institutions, international partner universities, research organizations, or laboratories. Applicants may submit either individual or team-based research projects. To promote research exchanges in key areas, such as humanities, health and well-being, net-zero carbon emissions, intelligent environmental control, and disaster resilience, this program aims to enhance NCKU's research capability and global impact.
2. Application Requirements:
 - (1) The principal investigator of a team-based or an individual research project must be a tenured, tenure-track, or research faculty member at NCKU. Both individual and team-based applications are welcome. The team-based research projects must involve at least three members for three sub-projects, and collaborate with overseas partner institutions.
 - (2) For the team-based applications, an overseas partner institution must form a counterpart team of equal size to the NCKU side team. The joint team is required to submit a comprehensive proposal, including individual sub-projects, each with a designated budget. Faculty, researchers, or students participating in this program may be designated as visiting scholars or students or may conduct off-site research. Their specific roles and objectives must be clearly outlined in the project proposal.
 - (3) Top international national and private academic institutions recommendations:
 - A. Benchmark institutions: Purdue University, USA; Kyoto University, Japan
 - B. Top international partner universities: University of Tsukuba, Japan; Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA), France; Universität München (LMU Munich), Germany.
 - C. Other top institutions: Annual list of top international institutions by the Ministry of Education
 - (4) To optimize the allocation of research resources, the principal investigator and co-investigators' academic achievements in the relevant university-based projects undertaken within the past three years will be evaluated as part of the review process.
3. Application Procedures:

Applicants are required to submit the following application materials to the ORD designated online portal (<https://forms.gle/8zMU1ccntGAandvz9>) by February 7, 2025: a completed grant application form, curriculum vitae of the applicant or team, an overview of the overseas research partner institution(s), a formal letter of cooperation confirmation from the overseas research partner(s), and a detailed research project timeline.
4. Review Criteria:
 - (1) Global academic reputation of the overseas partner institutions and collaborators.
 - (2) The applicant's or team's research expertise, project execution capability, and experience and achievements in international collaboration.
 - (3) For those who have executed relevant international projects funded by NCKU in the past three years,

please provide specific outcomes in a point-by-point format to demonstrate the ability to carry out international collaboration projects.

- (4) The anticipated benefits of undertaking this project or conducting overseas research for the future research endeavors of the applicant or team.
- (5) The potential for future development of the collaboration with the overseas research team, as evidenced by invitation letters or emails from the host institution or principal investigator.
- (6) The significance, novelty, and indispensability of international collaboration for the proposed research topic.
- (7) The research content, methodology, and feasibility of the proposed project.
- (8) Performance indicators established by the applicant or team (such as the number of internationally co-authored publications).

5. Grant Amount:

For individual applicants, the maximum grant per case is NT\$500,000. For teams of three or more members, the maximum grant per team is NT\$1,500,000. ORD will review each application and determine the specific grant amount and items to be supported, taking into account the availability of the annual budget.

6. Grant Funding Regulations:

Recipients of this grant must comply with the University's relevant financial regulations. The primary funding source for this grant is from the Ministry of Education's Higher Education Sprout Project.

7. Project Implementation Period: The project shall commence on the date of approval and conclude on December 31, 2025. To facilitate international collaboration and experience sharing, the principal investigators are required to participate in the Project Sharing Showcase to present the international cooperation outcomes. A self-evaluation report and projected outcomes report are required to submit to ORD by the end of November 2025.

8. To uphold academic integrity and ensure equitable distribution of resources, duplicate applications for funding are prohibited.

9. Project Contact Person: Ms. Tsai of ORD (For further inquiries, please contact intel.50921. E-MAIL : z11109071@ncku.edu.tw).