

# National Sun Yat-sen University

## Guidelines Governing the Subsidy for Joint Academic Research Projects

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- I. The Guidelines Governing Subsidy for Joint Academic Research Projects (hereinafter referred to as the Guidelines) are formulated by National Sun Yat-sen University (hereinafter referred to as NSYSU) to improve the university's research reputation and enhance its international visibility, to encourage professors of NSYSU to organize/join international teams, and to facilitate joint research projects.
- II. The source of the funds covered in these Guidelines is the Higher Education Sprout Project fund.
- III. Candidates for subsidy: full-time professors employed by NSYSU. Those who have resigned at the time when a subsidy is to be issued are no longer eligible to receive the grant.
- IV. **Scope of subsidy:**
  - i. **Establishing joint research teams with sister schools (limited to Ghent University and University of California, San Diego):**
    - A. The total number of principal investigators (PI and Co-PIs) must be at least 3.
    - B. The PI must be a full-time professor employed by NSYSU, with a Field Weight Citation Impact (FWCI) of total publications in the last 5 years of at least 1.00.  
《FWCI resources: <https://www.scival.com/home>》
    - C. The project description included must delineate in detail the research topic each leader is responsible for, list of budget categories for the subsidy, future impact, and a research collaboration agreement signed by each leader. The application shall be submitted by the team leader(s).
  - ii. **MOST Joint Research Projects:**

Principal investigators of Ministry of Science and Technology of Taiwan (MOST) Joint Research Projects shall each submit an application with the respective research institutions they belong to; each applicant's proposal must also include MOST's checklist of items, project description, and a list of budget categories for the subsidy.



**iii. MOST International Cooperation Overseas Science and Technology Innovation Center:**

A recipient awarded with an MOST International Cooperation Overseas Science and Technology Innovation Center subsidy must include the checklist of items, project description and list of budget categories for the subsidy.

**iv. Other multilateral cooperation programs (proposals must be solicited by government ministries such as the European Commission or the National Science Foundation):**

The applicant's project proposal must be reviewed and approved by the applicant's institution, and it must include the project's checklist of items or documentation of passing approval review, the project description and list of budget categories for the subsidy.

**V. Method of subsidy:**

- i.** The subsidy granted is based on the scale of the approved project and will be specifically applied to the difference between the funding applied for and the funding approved by other sources.
- ii.** The subsidy amount for the current year of each project is limited to NT\$ 5 million. Items eligible for subsidy are “general expenses”, “research equipment expenses (limited to NT\$ 1 million)”, and “international travel expenses”.
- iii.** A project cannot apply to other unit(s) of NSYSU for subsidies for the same items.
- iv.** Recipients must complete reimbursements for funds from this subsidy in accordance with the schedule required by SPROUT for that year and may not apply for retention.

**VI.** Project applications shall be reviewed by the review committee, with the NSYSU President serving in the position of committee convenor and the Vice President of the relevant business scope, the Vice President of Research and Development, and the Vice President of Office of International Affairs serving as ex officio review committee members. When necessary, department chairs and senior exceptional research professors may serve as review committee members.



**VII.** The granted project is required to submit the following documents on December 31 every year to the Office of Research and Development for review and be included as a required reference for subsidies in subsequent years.

**i.** A **research report (PDF file)** includes relative research performance such as a co-publication, academic symposium, etc.

**ii.** A **video of research highlights in both Chinese and English** shall be filmed when the grants are equal to or greater than NT\$ 500,000.

**VIII.** The Guidelines were passed by the Executive Committee and implemented after the President's approval. All amendments and revisions follow the same process.

