

USPC-NUS CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2018 Joint Innovative Projects in Higher Education

The Université Sorbonne Paris Cité and the National University of Singapore (USPC-NUS) grant has been designed with the objective of **fostering new collaborations in higher education and research between Europe and Southeast Asia**. Since 2013, three calls for proposals have been launched every year to fund joint research initiatives, international doctoral student mobility and innovative projects in higher education. Successful projects could be developed on the existing bilateral actions between USPC and NUS, such as student and faculty exchange programs, joint and dual degrees.

This third call for joint innovative projects in higher education intends to support **collaborative teaching and/or education research initiatives at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels**, preferably interdisciplinary projects between NUS and USPC¹ (though disciplinary collaborations are also welcome). Its principal aim is to promote a long-standing cooperation between its partners across diverse disciplines, including life, physical and engineering sciences to social sciences and humanities.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

The USPC-NUS call for joint innovative projects in higher education is open to faculty members from NUS and USPC in all disciplines. **Projects must be led jointly by full-time faculty members from both USPC and NUS since the collaboration should be across institutions**. Third parties from other institutions are also welcome to take part in a project, but will not receive direct funding.

Priority topics:

- Initiatives related to virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR) and mixed reality (MR) for education purposes.
- Joint online courses, MOOCs (massively organised online courses) and SPOCs (small private online courses)
- Research related to innovative pedagogies, learning science and the dissemination of joint research results (joint conferences, seminars and publications)
- Initiatives to enhance teaching and learning by building digital capacity in higher education
- Joint initiatives related to student entrepreneurship (start-ups, incubators, etc.)

Proposals may also include:

- Thematic international workshops with undergraduate, graduate students and faculty members from both institutions (simulations, law and business clinics, etc.)
- Activities organised within the framework of or aiming at establishing a double degree programme between NUS and any USPC member institution
- Study trips with students and faculty from NUS and USPC

¹ USPC is a university consortium composed of eight research universities and five research institutions: Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris 3), Université Paris Descartes (Paris 5), Université Paris Diderot (Paris 7), Université Paris Nord (Paris 13), Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Santé Publique (EHESP), Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris (IPGP), Sciences Po, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH), Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED), Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et Automatique (INRIA), Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (INSERM).

- Short-term programmes (summer schools, executive education, etc.)

Each project will be funded on a year-long basis in amounts of up to 30 000€ or SGD 49 500. Preference will be given to proposals that intend to build sustainable links between any of the USPC institutions and NUS.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

To apply, please complete the joint application form and submit it to:

USPC-NUS Programme

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By 2 April 2018

REVIEW PROCESS

A first screening of applications will be done by USPC-NUS secretariat 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 reviewed by a joint committee composed of members of USPC and NUS.

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, coherence of budget proposal with the project, its contribution to the broader academic interests of USPC and NUS and the potential for further collaboration.

Results will be announced in May 2018.

GRANT MANAGEMENT

- Timeline: the first project-related expenses should be incurred within one year 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 projects in higher education grant** in any publications or presentations, which should be listed in the progress reports
- Payment request the payment and post-award financial management should be administered through the existing practice at the lead institution, i.e. recipients from USPC will follow their institution's financial procedures and recipients from NUS their own financial rules.

CONTACTS & INFORMATION

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