



## 2026 NTU-KU Joint Seed Funding Call for Proposals

As part of the strategic partnership between National Taiwan University (NTU) and Korea University (KU), the universities established the NTU-KU Joint Seed Funding to foster initial partnership projects that are sustainable in the long term and support bilateral international collaboration activities, including research abroad, seminars, conferences, workshops, and associated travel (including accommodation and daily allowance).

NTU and KU have together committed to fund up to 5 selected proposals and offer **up to NTD \$440,000 /KRW 20,000,000 per selected proposal combined**. In other words, each university will offer **up to NTD \$220,000 /KRW 10,000,000 per selected proposals**. Applications should be jointly submitted by NTU and KU faculty. NTU Office of International Affairs (OIA) and International Research Collaboration Center (KU) will administer the program.

### 1. Eligibility

- 3.1 Each project must have at least 1 NTU principal investigator (PI) and 1 KU PI.
- 3.2 At NTU, PI should be full-time faculty members for the duration of the funding period and not on sabbatical leave for the duration of the funding period.
- 3.3 At KU, PI should be tenured or tenure-track faculty.
- 3.4 Collaborators from other institutions besides NTU and KU are welcomed to participate in the projects but are not eligible for direct financial support from NTU and KU.
- 3.5 **Faculty members who have previously received joint seed funding are not eligible to apply again.**

### 2. Funding Information

- 2.1 Funding period is one year from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026
- 2.2 Funding covers:
  - 2.2.1 Costs of travel, including accommodation and daily allowance
  - 2.2.2 Costs for hosting seminar, conference, or workshop at NTU and/or KU
  - 2.2.3 Personnel cost or salary for graduate students or postdoctoral researchers working on the project
- 2.3 All expenses must comply with the guidelines of the respective universities to which reimbursement is to be sought.

### 3. Application Information



- 3.1 Application Period is from August 18 (Mon.), 2025 to October 31 (Fri.), 2025.
- 3.2 To apply, please jointly complete and submit the application via the email. Proposals must be submitted to both [ntuglobalea@ntu.edu.tw](mailto:ntuglobalea@ntu.edu.tw) and [kuircc@korea.ac.kr](mailto:kuircc@korea.ac.kr). Only applications submitted to these email addresses, and before the deadline, will be considered.
- 3.3 One proposal per PI per call is permitted.

### **Review and Selection of Applications**

NTU and KU will then jointly review applications to make a final decision on which applications will receive funding.

Applications will be ranked on:

- Overall design and rationale – how feasible is the proposal? (10 points)
- Excellence of the research – what is the quality of the proposed project? (10 points)
- Value for money (10 points)
- Impact the award would bring to the applicants based on their career stage and existing networks (10 points)
- Potential strategic value of the partnership – to what extent will the proposal lead to future, sustainable collaboration? (10 points)

Preference will be given to professors who have previous experience participating in Horizon Europe.

## **4. Recipient Obligation**

- 4.1 Recipients must mention the funding in all appropriate media. Any events or publication arising from activities supported by this funding should include an acknowledgement mentioning “NTU-KU Joint Seed Funding” and any publications/presentations arising from activities supported by this funding should include acknowledgement of “This publication/presentation is supported in part by the Joint Seed Funding between National Taiwan University and Korea University.”
- 4.2 Recipients must submit a final report within 2 months of the end of the funding period, describing the results of the funding project (including actions taken, contacts made, challenges or difficulties met, and upcoming strategy and activities to materialize or strengthen the cooperation) and future projects related thereto
- 4.3 < Fund Release Conditions-Recommended Outcomes>



To ensure meaningful outcomes from the project, we encourage teams to aim for at least one of the following within the project period:

- Submission of a joint, peer-reviewed research paper to an SCI(E) journal — ideally within the top 10% of the field — within one year from the project start date.
- Submission of a proposal for an international joint research grant within one year from the project start date.

While these outcomes are not mandatory, achieving them will be viewed as a strong indicator of success and will facilitate the smooth release of remaining project funds.

#### 4.4 Important Dates

Application period	August 18 (Mon.), 2025 to October 31 (Fri.), 2025.
Result notification	Mid December
Funding period	January to December 2026
Final report due	March 13 2027

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