

2026 NTU-UBx Joint Seed Funding Call for Proposals

The present call builds on the success of this initiative to support collaborative projects between National Taiwan University (NTU) and the University of Bordeaux (UBx) and seeks to provide seed funding opportunities for new or recent collaborations. The call hopes to foster sustainable and high added-value partnership projects with impact on the university community and concerned institution(s).

The funding will mainly support travels and costs associated with the organization of seminars, workshops, events as well as mobility of students in order to help faculty in both institutions to deepen their understanding of complementary interests and strengths.

NTU and UBx have together committed to fund **up to EUR €15,000 (NTD \$520,000) per selected proposal combined**. In other words, each university will fund **up to EUR €7,500 (NTD\$260,000) per selected proposal**. Applications should be jointly submitted by NTU and UBx faculty. NTU Office of International Affairs (OIA) and UBx International Office (DRI) will administer the program.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 Each project must have at least one NTU principal investigator (PI) and one UBx PI.
- 1.2 At NTU, PI should be tenure-track faculty member and not on sabbatical leave for the duration of the funding period.
- 1.3 At UBx, PI should be current full-time faculty, researcher or post-doc from the University of Bordeaux or one of its associated local partners.
- 1.4 Collaborators from other institutions besides NTU and UBx are welcomed to participate in the project but are not eligible for direct financial support from UBx and NTU.
- 1.5 A same granted NTU-UBx team can not apply twice.

2. Funding Information

- 2.1 Funding amount per selected proposal is up to EUR €15,000, approximately NTD \$520,000, shared equally by NTU and UBx. In other words, each university will offer up to EUR €7,500, approximately NTD\$260,000, per selected proposal.
- 2.2 Each selected proposal will receive an even distribution of funding from NTU and UBx to their respective faculty.
- 2.3 Funding period is one year, starting from January 1 and ending on December 31 of the same year. Unless jointly approved by the partners, there will be no extensions beyond this timeframe.
- 2.4 Funding not spent by the end of the funding period must be returned so that unspent balances can be re-allocated.
- 2.5 Funding covers international travel by university faculty members and students, hosting scholars from the other university (daily stipend in principle), and relevant international collaboration expenses, such as hosting international conferences, workshops, symposiums, joint lecture, or lecture series.
- 2.6 All expenses must comply with the guidelines of the respective universities to which reimbursement is to be sought.

2.7 As a general rule, travel expenses should be supported by the originating institution, i.e. travel expenses of NTU faculty should be applied from the part of the funding awarded by NTU, and the same applies for UBx faculty.

2.8 At UBx, travel expenses should follow the relevant upper limits listed in the table below:

	Weekly allowance (stay not exceeding 3 weeks)	Monthly allowance	Allowance per extra months (stay exceeding one month up to two months)
Scholars	700€ / ~24K NTD	2000€ / ~68K NTD	1500€ / ~51K NTD
PhD Students	600€ / ~21K NTD	1500€ / ~51K NTD	1000€ / ~34K NTD
Travel allowance: 1000€ / ~34K NTD			

2.9 At NTU, all expenses must adhere to Ministry of Education regulation, and funding does not cover consumable supplies, equipment for research, and personnel expenditure, including full-time or part-time assistants.

3. Application Information

3.1 All project proposals must be jointly submitted by NTU faculty member(s) and UBx faculty member(s).

3.2 To apply, please complete the project proposal form and submit the form, PIs and collaborator(s) CVs, and letter of support from lab/faculty director to the coordinators of both NTU and UBx via the following email:

- NTU OIA: ntuglobalea@ntu.edu.tw; shingfang@ntu.edu.tw
- UBx DRI: frederic.bertrand@u-bordeaux.fr

4. Selection and Result Notification

4.1 Proposal selection will be made by a joint selection committee consisting of NTU and UBx representatives.

4.2 Selection of representatives will be coordinated by NTU OIA and the UBx DRI

4.3 The joint selection committee reserve the final authority over the proposal selection taking into account university and faculty strategic priorities and the availability of funding.

4.4 Funding will be provided on a competitive basis, following the selection criteria below:

Overall proposal	Holistic view of the project and its utilization of international activities, including whether the activities are reasonable to support the expected outcome
Student participation	Opportunities provided for student involvement, preferably bilaterally and regularly
Project outlook/sustainability	Whether there is plan to further collaborate based on the conclusion of the current project, including but not limited to applying for external sources of funding
Impact	Partnership projects with impact on the university community and the concerned institution(s), added value of this cooperative action for the strengthening of the collaboration and the partnership

4.5 Successful applicants will receive a letter of award outlining the process to accept the funding by mid-January.

5. Recipient Obligation

5.1 Recipients must mention the funding in all appropriate media, including any events arising from activities supported by this funding should include an acknowledgement of “NTU-UBx 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 the University of Bordeaux.” Please notify NTU OIA and UBx DRI when making acknowledgements.

5.2 Recipients must submit a final report within three months of the end of the funding period, describing the results of the funding project (include actions taken, contacts made, challenges or difficulties met, and upcoming strategy and activities to materialize or strengthen the cooperation) and future projects related thereto.

6. Important Dates

Application period	15 September to 14 November 2025
Results notification	December 2025
Funding period	January to December 2026

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