

## **USPC-NUS CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2019**

### **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 programmes, joint and dual degrees.

This fourth 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 USPC<sup>1</sup> (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.

The grant is intended to cover the development of **joint innovative projects in education** that could be scalable and **that will enable the institutions involved to establish a long-term partnership**. Travel expenses are eligible but they should remain occasional and with the objective to fund face-to-face meetings for the PIs in the event this was necessary for the success of the joint project.

#### **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)
- 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:**

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

- Activities organised within the framework of or aiming at establishing a double degree programme between NUS and any USPC member institution
- Short-term programmes using technology for education (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. **Priority 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 29 March 2019**

## 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 June 2019.

## GRANT MANAGEMENT

- Timeline: the first project-related expenses should be incurred within 12 months of the date of award indicated in the Letter of Acceptance (LOA). 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. PIs are encouraged to co-publish and disseminate the results of their joint project and to look for additional sources of funding in order to pursue the collaboration in the long-term.
- 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

For questions and further details related to the call please contact:

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