

2027 NTU–LMU Joint Seed Funding Call for Proposals

National Taiwan University (NTU) and the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) established a joint seed funding program to encourage and support bilateral collaboration. The joint seed funding program aims to provide seed funding for new collaborative initiatives and foster sustainable partnerships between the two universities.

The funding mainly supports travel and costs associated with the organization of seminars, workshops, events, as well as mobility activities to help faculty at both institutions deepen their understanding of complementary interests and strengths.

NTU and LMU have jointly committed to funding up to three selected proposals, offering up to a combined total of **EUR €12,000 (NTD \$400,000) per selected proposal**. In other words, each university will offer **up to EUR €6,000 (NTD \$200,000) per selected proposal**. Applications should be jointly submitted by NTU and LMU faculty. NTU Office of International Affairs (OIA) and LMU International Office will administer the program.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 At LMU, applicants must be full-time, tenure-track faculty members for the duration of the funding period.
- 1.2 At NTU, applicants must be tenure-track faculty members and not on sabbatical leave for the duration of the funding period.
- 1.3 Each project must have at least one NTU principal investigator (PI) and one LMU PI.
- 1.4 Applications from all fields and disciplines are welcome.

2. Funding Information

- 2.1 Total funding available for each round is EUR €36,000, approximately NTD \$1,200,000, shared equally by NTU and LMU.
- 2.2 The maximum funding amount per selected proposal is EUR €12,000, approximately NTD \$400,000, and NTU and LMU will jointly fund up to three projects. In other words, each university will offer up to EUR €6,000, approximately NTD \$200,000, per selected proposal.
- 2.3 Each selected proposal will receive equal funding from NTU and LMU, with each institution providing funding to its respective faculty.
- 2.4 The actual amount of funding available and the number of projects funded in each round will be reviewed and determined annually by mutual agreement between NTU and LMU.
- 2.5 The funding period is one year, starting from January 1 and ending on December 31 of the same year. Unless jointly approved by the coordinators, there will be no extensions beyond this timeframe. Funding not spent by the end of the funding period must be returned.
- 2.6 Funding covers mobility activities and related costs, including travel expenses and the organization of workshops, conferences, symposia, and lectures. The implementation will be based on the funding regulations of both parties.

3. Application Information

- 3.1 All proposals must be jointly submitted by NTU faculty member(s) and LMU faculty member(s).
- 3.2 To apply, NTU and LMU PIs should only submit one joint project proposal, including the project proposal form, CVs of PIs and collaborators, and letters of support from the laboratory or faculty directors of the PIs, through LMU's online application portal: [LMU application portal - strategic partnerships](#).
- 3.3 Late applications will not be considered.
- 3.4 At LMU, all funding decisions under this call are subject to the availability and final approval of the respective project funds. Selection under this call therefore does not constitute a binding funding commitment until the relevant funds have been formally approved and made available.

4. Selection and Result Notification

- 4.1 Proposal selection will be made by a joint selection committee consisting of NTU and LMU representatives.
- 4.2 Selection of representatives will be coordinated by NTU OIA and the LMU International Office.
- 4.3 The joint selection committee reserves the final authority over proposal selection, taking into account the strategic priorities of the universities and faculties, as well as the availability of funding.
- 4.4 Priority will be given to proposals relevant to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- 4.5 Priority will be given to interdisciplinary proposals.
- 4.6 Priority will be given to applicants who have not received previous support within this funding scheme.
- 4.7 Successful applicants will receive a letter of award outlining the procedures for accepting the funding.

5. Intellectual Property

- 5.1 For purposes of this program, intellectual property will remain with the university that generated such intellectual property.
- 5.2 In the event that new intellectual property is jointly generated under this funding scheme, both universities will agree to reach a mutually beneficial agreement with respect to intellectual property ownership, management, protection, and further development and exploitation.

6. Recipient Obligations

- 6.1 Recipients must acknowledge the funding in all appropriate media. Events arising from activities supported by this funding should include an acknowledgement of "NTU-LMU Joint Seed Funding Program." Publications and presentations arising from activities supported by this funding should include the acknowledgement: "This publication/presentation is supported in part by the Joint Seed Funding Program between National Taiwan University and the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München."
- 6.2 Recipients must submit a final report within three months of the end of the funding period, describing the outcomes of the funded project (including actions taken, contacts made, challenges or difficulties encountered, and future strategies and planned activities to establish or strengthen

the collaboration) and any future projects arising from the funded project.

6.3 Recipients must comply with all relevant laws and university regulations, including those relating to intellectual property, codes of conduct, etc.

7. Important Dates

Milestones	Dates
Call for proposals published	September 1, 2026
Proposal submission deadline	November 8, 2026
Result notification	December 2026
Start of funding period	January 1, 2027
End of funding period	December 31, 2027

8. Coordinators

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