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| **Call for Mobility Plus Project Proposals**  |

**Identification information**

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| Partner country: | **Taiwan** |
| Partner organisation: | **Academia Sinica** |
| Programme: | **Mobility Plus Projects** |
| Period: | **1.1.2024 – 31.12.2025** |

**Legal framework**

The call is based on the Protocol to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Polish Academy of Sciences (hereinafter referred to as PAS) and Academia Sinica (hereinafter referred to as AS) for the period 2024-2025.

**Basic definitions**

**Objectives**

* Improvement of scientific cooperation between both countries;
* Stimulation of involvement of early career researchers and PhD students;
* Supporting research teams aspiring to cooperate on large international projects in the future;
* Enabling the use of methodology, infrastructure, and equipment for the mutual benefit of both institutions.

**Eligibility criteria**

Project proposals from **all research fields** are accepted.

Maximum project duration is **2 years,** **i.e. 24 months;** an extension beyond this period is not permitted.

Project proposals can be submitted:

* **On the Polish side** by the PAS institutes;
* **On the Taiwanese side** by the AS institutes

In case an applicant submits more than one project proposal within one call, only one of them can be funded.

Only two subsequent projects realized by the same research teams can be funded.

Applicant submitting a project proposal following a running project with the same team must justify the need for a continuing project and describe the outcomes of the running project. This shall be stated in the Project Proposal form in the part “Description of the project”.

**Research team**

Each research team consists of:

* One principal investigator (senior or junior researcher);
* One or more co-investigators.

Research team members are divided into four categories:

* Senior researchers (8 or more years after receiving PhD at the time of submission of the project proposal);
* Junior researchers – postdocs (less than 8 years after receiving PhDat the time of submission of the project proposal);
* PhD students;
* Others (e.g. undergraduate students, engineers, technicians).

**On the Polish side:**

• All members must be employees of the PAS institutes

**On the Taiwanese side:**

* All members must be employees of the AS institutes.

**Financial provisions**

Financial contributions must be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner organisations.

**Up to 3 (three)** 2-year mobility projects shall be selected for funding.

**On the Polish side:**

* The maximum financial contribution for PAS researcher team is EUR 11,000 per project for a two-year duration (i.e. 5,500 per project per year).
* Eligible costs are: travel, living expenses;
* The course of project implementation shall be monitored through annual and final reports.

**On the Taiwanese side:**

* The maximum financial contribution for AS researcher team is TWD 350,000 per project for a two-year duration (i.e. TWD 175,000 per project per year).
* Eligible costs are: travel, living expenses;
* The course of project implementation shall be monitored through annual and final reports.

**Project proposal submission**

Project proposals must be submitted in parallel to both partner organisations.

**On the Polish side:**

* A completed application form,
* Applications must be submitted by email to bwz@pan.pl. Proposals should be written in the English language. No proposal will be accepted after the closing date for submission, nor will any addendum or explanation be accepted.

**On the Taiwanese side:**

* A complete application package includes the following documents:
	+ The Application
	+ Curriculum vitae of the two co-PIs and of co-applicants, including lists of publications (maximum of 10 relevant publications) and grants received (for the past 3 years).
	+ A budget
* Applications must be submitted by email to sarahc@gate.sinica.edu.tw. Proposals should be written in the English language. No proposal will be accepted after the closing date for submission, nor will any addendum or explanation be accepted.

**Evaluation and Selection**

Consists of:

* mobility project proposals shall be submitted to both Parties. Only mobility project proposals considered eligible by both Parties shall be evaluated. Each party has its own project proposal form;
* both partner organizations formally check submitted mobility project proposals;
* the qualitative evaluation is carried out unilaterally, i.e. by the pre-specified Party (hereinafter referred to as “Lead Party”). The Parties take turns in the evaluation of each call;
* the Lead Party for the call for Mobility projects 2024-2025 is the Polish Academy of Sciences;
* the Lead Party shall evaluate submitted proposals based on its internal rules, prepare a ranking list and send the evaluation to the partner organization to mutually agree on the final results at the international level. Total number of projects approved for funding is dependent on the financial possibilities of the Parties.

**Schedule**

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| **15 November 2023** | **Announcement of the call for project proposals** |
| **05 January 2024**  | **Deadline for submission of project proposals** |
| **25 January 2024** | Completion of the assessment at national level |
| **15 February 2024** | Completion of the joint assessment at international level |
| **25 February 2024** | Approval of the final results by both partner organisations |
| **05 March 2024** | **Announcement of results** |

**Polish/Taiwanese principal investigators, therefore, should be sure that their counterpart submits a matching application by the relevant deadline.**

**Contact persons**

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