



General Program

December 2020

**Funding within the strategic partnership between
Kyoto University (KU) and the University of Zurich (UZH)
Call for Joint Project Proposals 2021 (“General Program”)**

In July 2020, Kyoto University (KU) and the University of Zurich (UZH) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding to form a joint strategic partnership. With the goal of initiating and strengthening their cooperation in research and education, KU and UZH have launched a funding scheme to support joint projects. The funding shall enable KU and UZH faculty and researchers to identify complementary strengths, facilitate the use of synergies, and promote the future development of outstanding projects.

The joint funding scheme can be used either to intensify ongoing cooperation or to launch new joint projects in research and education. In this context, KU and UZH call for proposals for joint research projects which either deepen existing research links or facilitate new collaboration.

Details of the joint funding:

Up to 5,000 CHF/ 500,000 JPY per project

The funding shall be awarded to approximately 4 joint projects that facilitate activities such as the following:

- Intensive research workshops, conferences, or symposia
- The preparation of joint research proposals
- The development of joint educational activities, such as seminars and colloquia
- Joint mini workshops/round tables
- The preparation of applications for third-party funding
- Science communication (e.g. joint publications, policy-briefs, or activities to foster dialogue between science and society and/or policies)

The proposed activities should be conducted during the period April 2021 to early March 2022.

Activities proposed should have a clearly defined focus and should serve as a catalyst for the development of new joint projects. The motivation for holding the activity should be clearly explained, including how the KU and UZH institutes or departments involved will benefit in the long term from the cooperation and what synergies can arise. The activities can take place in Kyoto or in Zurich.

Applications should be submitted by senior researchers, and should ideally involve senior, junior, and female faculty/researchers from KU and UZH.

*Travel expenses will be provided in accordance with the applicable regulations of each university.

*The amount of the award will be decided based on the contents of the proposal.

The university that will provide the funding will be determined after selection. The funding will be provided to the project coordinator affiliated with the university that is allocated to provide the funding.

Both Universities are aware that the novel coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic has made many of the usual forms of university cooperation difficult, particularly mobility. We therefore encourage new and creative approaches to cooperation that do not entail travel. In this case, researchers should consult



with the relevant administrative staff at their university regarding the ways in which funding can be used for purposes other than travel.

Selection criteria

Funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint KU-UZH committee, giving particular attention to the following criteria:

- A coherent and clearly formulated activity plan (comprehensible to non-expert reviewers).
- Scientific merit and envisaged synergies of both the proposed activities and the anticipated outcomes.
- Potential for strengthening institutional links between KU and UZH.
- Potential for sustainable follow-up collaborative activities.
- Potential for acquiring third party funding.

Submission and deadline

Proposals for the KU-UZH funding scheme should be submitted by the full-time faculty member from KU or UZH who is the project coordinator. Proposals must be submitted in English. The required application documents are as follows:

- 1) **Completed application form, including:**
 - a. **Project title**
 - b. **Description of the planned project/activity (length 2–4 pages)**
 - c. **Plan of how the project can be used to apply for further third-party funding**
 - d. **Detailed budget calculation**
- 2) **Complete CVs of the project coordinators and a list of all prospective recipients from both institutions**

Proposals must be submitted by **7:59 (JST) 20 February / 23:59 (CET) 19 February 2021**. The proposed activities must be conducted within 12 months of the period April 2021 to early March 2022.

A project report and financial report must be submitted after the project's completion. The project report shall be made publicly available.

Proposals should be submitted **simultaneously to both KU and UZH** via email to the following addresses:

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