**SJTU-KTH Collaborative Research and Development Seed Grants in 2024**

**Purpose of the grants**

Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) and KTH Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) have identified each other as strategic partners to foster deep collaboration in research and education.

The purpose of the seed grants is to promote further joint research and education collaboration between Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) and KTH Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) leading to the submission of at least one joint co-authored publication, at least 2 reciprocal visits for staff and/or students, and targeting a suitable scheme for the submission of a joint application for external research funding. The organization of a scientific workshop or PhD School can also be funded through this grant.

In this round of awards, applicants are encouraged to submit funding proposals for innovative and sustainable programs built around collaborative research linking SJTU and KTH.

A mid-term progress report must be submitted by January 15 providing evidence of outcomes to date.

In this round, up to six (6) proposals will be funded. Each institution will provide funds to its own researchers on both sides and the grant amount is up to RMB 52,000 for SJTU researchers and up to SEK 75,000 for KTH researchers, respectively. Funds may only be spent at the home institution/country.

**Application and assessment process**

Teams of researchers with one lead researcher from each institution should submit an application on the provided Application Form by the deadline.

Award selection will be made by a joint committee formed by members of both universities, which reserves final authority over the selection of projects taking into account, university and faculty strategic priorities, and the availability of funds.

**Timetable**

**Applications Open:** May 13, 2024 at 9 am BEIJING TIME

**Applications Close:** June 10, 2024 at 5 pm BEIJING TIME

**Award Announcement:** June 30, 2024

**Grant period:**September 1, 2024–August 31, 2025

**Mid-term progress report due:** February 16, 2025

**Final reports due:** September 30, 2025

**Theme areas**

**A. Joint Education**

* Joint summer school
* Joint master programs
* Initiative for joint PhD collaboration
* Joint MOOC – Joint course

**B. Joint research**

* In this round, no specific research themes are required.

**Selection criteria**

1. Excellent proposal, description of expected outcomes and impact.
2. Description of how the activities will lead to long-term collaboration beyond the scope of the seed project.
3. The project includes at least 2 reciprocal visits for staff and/or students.
4. The project targets a suitable scheme for submitting a joint application for external research funding.

**Eligible items for funding from SJTU**

* At least 90% of the grant:
	+ Travel costs for researchers and/or students associated with the project
	+ Reimbursement of living and hosting costs of visiting researchers from each institution.
* Salaries/stipends and scholarships.

**Eligible items for funding from KTH**

* Travel costs for researchers and/or students associated with the project.
* Reimbursement of living and hosting costs of visiting researchers from each institution.
* Minor research costs associated with the project. Not to exceed 25% of grant.
* Note - Salaries and scholarships will not be funded.

**Submission**

The lead researchers from SJTU and KTH need to work together to prepare a joint application in English. The application needs to be submitted to both SJTU and KTH to be eligible for consideration.

The KTH PI should submit the application to KTH via email in PDF format.

The SJTU PI should upload the application through SJTU’s online platform.

**Submission Requirements**

All proposals must address and include the following elements:

* Project title
* Project Description, max 1000 words (including expected outcome)
* Project timeline
* Project budget
* Only complete submissions will be considered.
* Late applications will not be considered.

**KTH applicants:** Submit via email to Ronald T. Nordqvist, ron@kth.se

**SJTU applicants:** Submit via SJTU’s online platform. Contact person: Ms. Zhuang Enjia, enjiazhuang@sjtu.edu.cn

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## Forfeiture of Grants

Grants not spent by 31 August 2025 must be returned so that unspent balances can be re-allocated.