**SJTU-UNSW Collaborative Research Fund**

**SEED GRANTS**

**Seed Grants of up to $10,000 per annum may be awarded for a duration of 12 months.**

The purpose of the seed grant is to establish a joint research collaboration leading to the submission of at least one joint co-authored publication (or equivalent output), 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.

Seed grants may be renewed for one further period of 12 months subject to performance in fulfilling the objectives of the scheme. A progress report will need to be submitted 11 months after receipt of funding providing evidence of outcomes to date.

Each institution will provide funds to its own researchers. Funds may only be spent at the home institution/country.

**APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

**Key Dates**

**Applications open:** Thursday 18th July 2019

**Applications close:** 5pm (local time), Tuesday 10th September 2019

**Advice to successful applicants:** Mid October 2019

**Grants begin:** November 2019

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

Applications will be assessed by the Vice-President (International) and Vice-President (Research), SJTU and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), UNSW or delegates.

**Theme areas to be supported in 2019/2020:** Open (i.e. no restriction to specific themes)

**Selection criteria:**

1. Quality, expected outcomes and impact of proposed research program
2. Strength of research team relative to opportunity
3. Alignment of proposal with purpose and expected outcomes of the fund

**NB. Past awardees of UNSW-SJTU seed grants are not eligible to apply for this round.**

**FUNDING EXPENDITURE**

**Eligible items for funding:**

* Travel costs of researchers and/or research students associated with the project
* Reimbursement of living and hosting costs of visiting researchers from each institution
* Workshop or meeting costs
* Minor research costs associated with the project. Not to exceed 30% of grant.

**Items not eligible for funding:**

* Salaries (for professional or academic staff)
* Scholarships

**SUBMISSION**

**The lead investigators from UNSW and SJTU need to work together to prepare a joint application. The application needs to be submitted to both UNSW and SJTU to be eligible for consideration.**

Applications will only be accepted via email in either PDF or Word format.

**UNSW applicants:** Submit form to internationalresearch@unsw.edu.au

**SJTU applicants:** Submit form to wuyanping@sjtu.edu.cn

Deadline: 5pm (local time) on Tuesday 10th September.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDEES**

Mid October 2019, with grants starting in November 2019

**QUERIES AND FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please email: internationalresearch@unsw.edu.au (UNSW) and wuyanping@sjtu.edu.cn (SJTU)