



## Joint Research Initiative

### Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine

#### Guidelines

The Joint Research Initiative (JRI) provides funding to support joint initiatives in internationalization between Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine (SJTUSM) and its partner institutions both internationally and locally (Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macao). The aim is to support research and other collaborative activities such as joint workshops and joint postgraduate training and then intend to apply for higher level projects from National Science & Foundation China or Shanghai Science & Technology Committee.

The whole funding period is three years for three rounds. The support of the second round and the third round will be based on the outcome and the completion of the fund of the previous round.

An application must have two key representatives (referred to as Chief Investigators or Project Managers); one from SJTUSM and the other from a partner institution. These two individuals are responsible for submitting the application jointly, verifying the accuracy of the information in the application, and ensuring that the funding, if granted, is used in accordance with the intent as stated in the application. The submitted project and initiatives should be part of ongoing activities, any new project and initiatives will not be successful.

The JRI will mainly support but not limited in research areas such as: tumor, cardiovascular disease, metabolic disease, and neuro-degeneration.

The JRI will mainly support but not limited to the partner Chief Investigators or Project Managers whose institutions are located in areas or countries which have signed academic collaborative agreements with Shanghai Science & Technology Committee in government level. (The list of areas or countries please refer to *annex* attached)

The application deadline is 18 September 2018. The first round of funding period is from October 2018 till September 2019.

Each successful application will receive up to the equivalent of CNY 150,000 from SJTUSM for the first round. Approximately 20 applications will be funded for the first round, 15 for the second round and 10-12 for the third/last round.

#### Application Eligibility

Applications are welcome from academic and research staff at Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine (including its affiliated hospitals) and its partner institutions in medicine and health faculties (schools) such as basic medicine, clinical medicine, public health, nursing, stomatology and pharmacy.



Any applicants whose academic disciplines are not within medicine area are not considered eligible.

The Chief Investigators/Project Managers on a project must hold a salaried appointment with either Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine (including its affiliated hospitals) or its partner institutions with an appointed academic title above associate professor. They must either be employed on a continuing basis or on a fixed term contract with an end date beyond the whole funding period.

### **Duration and Funding Limits**

Grants should be spent within 12 months of a round period. The maximum amount that applicants can apply for one project is CNY 150,000 from Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine.

### **Submitting an Application**

Applicants must submit an Application form which can be requested and submitted via email to [daijy@sjtu.edu.cn](mailto:daijy@sjtu.edu.cn) by 18 September 2018. All applications must be signed by both applicants and their respective Head of Department/Head of Research Center.

**Complete applications, including all required attachments, must be received by the deadline. No extensions will be granted.**

After submission, applications will be reviewed by senior academics from Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application within 15 days of the closing date for receipt of applications. Feedback on unsuccessful applications will not be provided.

### **Ranking Criteria**

Applications are assessed in the following way:

Each reviewer will assess and score the applications based on the whole proposal. In the abstract applicants are expected to outline the methods, aims and results of their project. The other questions in the application require applicants to address: **quality; impact; relevance; partnership; innovation; and sustainability**. Applicants should be able to succinctly outline the benefits and impact of their project and its relevance. Applicants should also clearly define the expected outcomes, which may also include enhanced networks, workshops, conferences and researcher mobility, though these would not necessarily be considered outcomes in and of themselves.

Based on this information, reviewers will score each proposal on the following criteria:

- **Quality:** the quality of the proposed work (0-20 points)
- **Impact:** expected impact. If research, the likelihood of it gaining wide recognition, the ability to cut across disciplines, and to draw in postgraduate students and junior academics. (0-15 points)
- **Relevance:** its contribution to realizing important goals, and its potential to provide useful outcomes to society locally and globally. (0-15 points)
- **Partnership:** How will the project contribute to the promotion and consolidation of the relationship between two partner institutes? (0 – 15 points)



- **Innovation:** the extent to which the project will contribute to novel thinking and/or new technology in its field. (0 – 10 points)
- **Sustainability:** the likelihood that the project will lead to sustainable results and long-term international relationships and generate significant **external funding**, such as funding from National Science & Foundation China or Shanghai Science & Technology Committee. (0-25 points)

## Results

If your application is successful you will receive a letter of award by email.

## Payment

Each successful application will receive up to CNY 150,000 from Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine. Funds will be allocated to the Chief Investigator/Project Manager at Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine (including its affiliated hospitals), but both applicants of the approved project are responsible for managing the project funds and for facilitating the funds where required.

## Extensions

No extensions will be approved for this project.

## Reporting Obligations

Recipients will be required to submit a report within two months of completion of the project. A notice and a report format will be emailed to the Chief Investigator/Project Manager from Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine. The report should include an outline of the outcomes of the project, an indication of the project's sustainability, the completion of the fund, and a summary of lessons learned in undertaking the project.

## Further Information

For further information, please contact Program Coordinator:

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