**Call for Proposals (CFP) for Collaborative Research Projects
between National Sun Yat-Sen University (NSYSU) and
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VILNIUS TECH)**

**Purpose of the Call**

NSYSU and VILNIUS TECH have entered in to an agreement to foster mutual collaboration with the aim of promoting their research works and accomplishments to both international academic and industrial communities.

As a result, researchers from both universities are invited to submit proposals for collaborative research projects. These research project should engage researchers and personnel from both NSYSU and VILNIUS TECH.

**Topics for Collaborative Research**

There are no limitations regarding the research topics.

**Structure of Research Team**

* Each research team should comprise one Principal Investigator (PI) from NSYSU and one PI from VILNIUS TECH. Inclusion of students and other personnel is optional.
* PIs must be full-time faculty members at their respective universities.
* Each PI may submit only one project proposal per year.

**Project Duration**

1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024.

**Eligible Costs**

NSYSU and VILNIUS TECH will jointly fund each approved project, with NSYSU contributing a maximum of 300,000 NT$ and VILNIUS TECH providing up to 10,000 EUR from. The allocated funding is intended to cover the following eligible costs:

* Personnel costs: Salaries of both full-time and part-time research assistants or students involved in the project.
* Equipment costs: Instruments and equipment necessary for the project execution, which will be owned by the purchasing university.
* Other goods: Costs for consumables and other general office or experimental expenditures required for the execution of a project.
* Administrative costs: A flat rate of 10% of the total grant amount is allocated for covering the administration costs associated with the project.

**Reporting** **and Deliverables**

* A final report must be submitted within two months following the project’s conclusion, no later than February 28, 2025.
* A publication in a journal ranked within the first or second quartiles (Q1 or Q2) by the Journal Impact Factor (JIF) of the Clarivate Analytics Web of Science database (excluding those listed in the Emerging Science Citation Index (ESCI) database or published by MDPI) is mandatory within one year following the project’s conclusion. The PIs should be either the first or corresponding authors of the articles deriving from the funded research project. This article must acknowledge equal contributions from both the first and corresponding authors. Article must include the following acknowledgment: 'Research was supported by the Joint Research Collaborative Seed Grant Program between National Sun Yat-Sen University and Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (Grant No: NSYSU-VGTU-2023-No)

**Application Deadline**

Applications must be submitted by 17 November 2023.

**Application Procedure**

PIs from both universities must sign the research project proposal. Proposals in PDF format should be submitted via email to the Project Review Committees: vaidotas.vaisis@vilniustech.lt and ccwang@mail.ee.nsysu.edu.tw.

[Link to application form](https://vilniustech.lt/uploads/files/dir5061/dir253/dir12/0_0.php)