



# Call for Proposals (CFP) for Joint Research Collaborative Seed Grant Program 2026

between Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH) and Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VILNIUS TECH)

## Purpose of the Call

POSTECH 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 POSTECH 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 POSTECH 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 Execution Period**

1 March 2026 – 28 February 2027.

## **Eligible Project Costs**

POSTECH and VILNIUS TECH will jointly fund each approved project, with POSTECH contributing a maximum of 14,000,000 KRW and VILNIUS TECH providing up to 10,000 EUR. 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.

#### Reporting and Deliverables

- A final report must be submitted within one month following the project's conclusion, no later than March 31, 2027.
- 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 Both PIs should be the lead authors or co-authors of the articles deriving from the funded research project. Article must include the following acknowledgment: "Research was supported by the Joint Research Collaborative Seed Grant Program between Pohang University of Science and Technology and Vilnius Gediminas Technical University".

## **Application Deadline**

Applications must be submitted by 23 January 2026.

#### **Application Procedure**

 PIs from both universities must sign research project proposal. Proposals in PDF format should be submitted online via <u>Application Submission for POSTECH-VILNIUS TECH Joint Research Collaborative</u> <u>Seed Grant Program 2026</u>