



**General Program**

March 2023

**Kyoto University (KU) Funding Program  
Call for Kyoto University (KU)-University of Zurich (UZH)  
Joint Project Proposals 2023 (General Program)**

In July 2020, Kyoto University (KU) and the University of Zurich (UZH) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding to form a joint strategic partnership. With the goal of initiating and strengthening their cooperation in research and education with UZH, KU have launched a funding program to support joint projects. The funding shall enable KU and UZH faculty and researchers to identify complementary strengths, facilitate the use of synergies, and promote the future development of outstanding projects.

The funding program can be used either to intensify ongoing cooperation or to launch new joint research and education projects. In this context, KU calls for proposals for joint research projects which either deepen existing research links or facilitate new collaboration.

**Details of the joint funding**

Each project selected shall be awarded funding of up to JPY 1,000,000.

The funding shall be awarded to approximately two to three joint projects to facilitate activities such as the following:

- Intensive research workshops, conferences, roundtables, and symposia
- Mobility for joint research and meetings.
- The development of joint education activities, such as seminars and colloquia.
- Joint publications

The proposed activities should be conducted during the period July 2023 to early March 2024.

Activities proposed should have a clearly defined focus, and should serve as a catalyst for the development of new joint projects. The motivation for holding the activity should be clearly explained, including how the KU and UZH institutes or departments involved will benefit in the long term from the cooperation and what synergies can arise. The activities can take place in Kyoto or in Zurich.

The fund awarded should be used for travel expenses, catering (for in-person activities only), venue rental fees, the employment of assistants at Kyoto University (not for research or experiments, but for events related to the joint project), shipment costs, publishing costs, or other costs necessary to conduct the activities mentioned above.

Applications should be submitted by senior researchers who are full-time faculty members at KU, and should ideally involve senior, junior, and female faculty/researchers from KU and UZH.\*1

- Travel allowance and other expenses will be provided in accordance with the applicable regulations of KU.
- The amount of the award will be decided based on the contents of the proposal.



\*1: Full-time fixed-term program-specific faculty members are also eligible to apply provided they have received permission from their supervisor.

### Selection criteria

Funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a KU committee, with particular attention given to the following criteria:

- A coherent and clearly formulated activity plan (comprehensible to non-experts).
- Scientific merit and envisaged synergies of both the proposed activities and the anticipated outcomes.
- Potential for strengthening institutional links between KU and UZH.
- Potential for sustainable follow-up collaborative activities.
- Potential for the acquisition of third-party funding.
- Validity of the reasons for which the funding is necessary.

### Submission

Proposals should be submitted by the project coordinator, who must be a full-time faculty member at KU that will continue to be employed (or is expected to be employed) for the duration of the KU-UZH joint project. Proposals must be submitted in English, using the application form attached. Please submit your proposals as a single PDF file.

The required application documents are as follows:

- 1) **Completed application form, including:**
  - a) **Project title**
  - b) **Details of the project coordinators**
  - c) **Detailed budget calculation**
  - d) **Description of the planned project/activity (2 pages in length)**
  - e) **Details of the project participants**
- 2) **Complete CVs of the project coordinators from both institutions (max. length 2 pages per CV). CVs of the other project participants should also be provided if necessary.**

**Deadline:** Proposals must be submitted by **9:00 (JST) May 10, 2023**.

**Please Note: This is the deadline established by the International Affairs Division. Since applicants must apply for this program through the relevant administrative staff in their faculty/department of affiliation, they must be sure to confirm their faculty/department's internal deadline with the administrative section in charge of international affairs in their faculty/department.**

A report of the program must be submitted after its completion. The report shall be made publicly available.

Please be sure to acknowledge the receipt of funding from this program when holding an event using this funding, reporting an event that was held using this funding, or announcing outcomes obtained from research supported by this funding.



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If any false information is found in the application documents submitted, a refund may be requested, even after the funded project has been implemented. Incomplete application documents may result in the application being deemed invalid.

### **Other matters**

The University of Zurich also has a funding program to support exchange activities with partner institutions, including Kyoto University (see the link below for details). Applications for this program and the University of Zurich will be determined separately and independently. Please note that even if your application for the University of Zurich program is declined, if your application for this program is successful, you will be required to implement the project applied for. Please bear this in mind if applying.

<https://www.global.uzh.ch/en/networks/funding-instruments/partnerships-fund.html>