

Université de Paris - King's College London

Joint Research Award

Call for Proposals 2019/20

1. Introduction

Université de Paris and King's College London are launching a call for joint research projects to promote and strengthen collaborations between King's College London and Université de Paris' researchers.

2. Research Themes

The present call invites research proposals in all fields of knowledge. We are keen to support projects in Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences and STEM subjects, including research collaborations that focus on culture and policy in the cities of Paris and London. Inter-disciplinary proposals are particularly welcomed.

The selected research projects will contribute to science development, knowledge exchange and education innovation in the true spirit of a collaborative projects, whose collaborative efforts will be committed to supporting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

3. Funding

King's will fund selected projects with an equivalent total of up to €20,000 per project/per year. Université de Paris will also fund the equivalent amount of up to €20,000 per project/per year. Proposals can be for up one to two years of funding. **A single joint project may therefore receive up to €80,000 in total over a two-year period** under this joint funding call. As a general rule, the funding must be spent within two years, with a balanced contribution from each institution.

4. Project duration

Proposals can be for 12 or 24 months in duration.

5. Funding principles and eligibility criteria

For King's: Principal Investigators (PIs) should be full-time faculty members, or post-doctoral researchers at King's College London with a contract of employment for the full length of the proposed project.

For Université de Paris: Principal Investigators (PIs) should be full-time faculty members, or post-doctoral researchers at Université de Paris with a contract of employment for the full length of the proposed project.

6. Timeline

Call announced on Université de Paris and King's College London websites	23 October 2019
Closing date for submission of proposals	31 January 2020
Selection	End of February 2020
Offer letters sent and grant agreements returned (Research ethics review if needed)	End of March 2020
Suggested activity/project time	April 2020 – April 2022 (for 24-month projects)

7. Submission conditions

All proposals should include the following documents:

7.1 Research Proposal Submission Form

7.2 Budget plan (use template form)

7.3 Support letter from Head of Department or equivalent

7.4 Joint Research Plan (maximum 6 pages)

7.5 CV Summaries of the Principal Investigators on both sides and of all candidates for the exchange activities

In the Joint Research Plan (item 7.4) please include:

- a. Project summary
- b. Objectives
- c. Background: Summary of existing status quo/state-of-the-art and challenges
- d. Research Strategy and Methodology:
 - i. Activity/experimental design/rationale
 - ii. Description of major tasks and respective task leaders
 - iii. Proposed timeline for major tasks and milestones
 - iv. Future directions and research plans for the next three years
 - v. Opportunity for subsequent funding (beyond the scope of the seed project)
- e. Identification of project-relevant background intellectual property (if applicable)

8. How to apply

8.1 The **proposal** as specified in Section 7 must be submitted by 31 January (up to 23.59 PM CST), jointly by the PIs from the Université de Paris and King's to both Université de Paris (relations-internationales@u-paris.fr) **and** to King's College London (globalengagement@kcl.ac.uk) simultaneously.

9. Evaluation

9.1 The evaluation of the proposals has two stages: each proposal will be assessed by an internal selection panel at each university, following the evaluation criteria (9.2). The two universities will then exchange the shortlists of proposals and will jointly agree on the final selection.

The review panel will include:

- The Partnership Board
- Additionally from each institution an academic representing:
 - Science
 - Health
 - Arts and Social Sciences

The proposals will be evaluated by email and smaller evaluation committee existing of the Vice Principal International and Director of International Office of both institutions will decide on selected applications.

The Vice-Principals International will have final decision on selected projects.

9.2 The evaluation criteria include:

- scientific quality, inter-disciplinary collaboration, and innovativeness of the research plan;
- feasibility of the research plan;
- competence and expertise of the applicants from both countries;
- impact of the research on the cities of London-Paris and beyond;
- continuation of the research and its potential of leading to further grant applications in the future.

10. Reporting and public engagement

10.1 PIs will be asked to return a brief update of key milestones and project spending to date at the end of each financial year (At King's, the FY is from August to July; at U de Paris, the FY is January to December).

10.2 At the end of the project, a symposium will be held with the Steering Committee and PIs will be asked to present their research findings to the Steering Committee.

10.3 At different times during the project PIs may be asked to present their research project to key stakeholders from City of Paris/London and respective Embassies.

10. Intellectual Property

A Letter of Agreement between King's and Université de Paris, establishing how Intellectual Property rights, confidentiality, and publications will be treated jointly, in observance of the policies of each funding Party. The Letter of Agreement is not mandatory for the submission of proposals, but no approved project will be contracted before the presentation of a copy of the signed Agreement

11. Contacts

For any queries related to this joint call, please contact the following colleagues:

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