

**BRICS STI FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME
RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC COORDINATED CALL
FOR BRICS MULTILATERAL PROJECTS 2020**

National Annex: National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)

This Annex is referring only to Chinese research teams acting as a part of international consortia who intend to apply for NSFC funding.

National Natural Science Foundation of China is intended to fund the basic research projects under the following 2 thematic areas:

1. Research and development of COVID-19 vaccines and drugs, including repurposing of available drugs;
2. Genomic sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 and studies on the epidemiology and mathematical modelling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must be the permanent employed researchers residing in China and affiliated with a recognised higher education or research institution which registers in NSFC. The Chinese applicant must possess an academic title of professor or associate professor and must be the PI of an on-going or completed NSFC research grant which duration is more than 3 years. Please read the Chinese version of guidelines for details on the eligibility for Chinese applicants.

FUNDING PRINCIPLES

Within each selected international consortium, funding of the participating researchers is provided by their respective national funding organization in accordance with their standard award terms and conditions. NSFC provides funding only for the Chinese researchers. The total budget for this call is approximately 16 million RMB. NSFC anticipates that a total of 8 research consortia will be supported in accordance with the project situation. It is not allowed that Chinese PIs from particular single project who request NSFC funding simultaneously request funding from other Chinese research funding organizations participating in this call.

ELIGIBILITY

Each international consortium must include partners from at least three participating countries (including China). Researchers outside BRICS countries can participate in the research project at their own expense and are not considered as a partner from participating country.

FUNDING PROCEDURES

Grant award will be transferred to Chinese PI through his supporting organization.

Within each project consortium partners from China should identify a Chinese team/consortia leader who will act on behalf of the team/consortia (Chinese Project Leader - CPL) for management and communication purposes with NSFC. The CPL is officially responsible for all communications with the NSFC, including the submission of the national formal proposal to the Internet based Science Information System (ISIS) and managing the grant award.

The official national call for Chinese researchers will be published at the NSFC website (<http://www.nsf.gov.cn/>).

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