

National Annex

Ministry of Science and Technology, China

BRICS STI Framework Programme

Coordinated call for BRICS multilateral projects – Response to COVID-19 pandemic 2020

National Annex: Ministry of Science and Technology, China (MOST, China)

MOST, China funds basic, applied and innovation research projects under 3

thematic areas:

1. Research and development of new technologies/tools for diagnosing COVID-19.
2. AI, ICT and HPC oriented research for COVID-19 drugs design, vaccine development, treatment, clinical trials and public health infrastructures and systems.
3. Epidemiological studies and clinical trials to evaluate the overlap of SARS-CoV-2 and comorbidities, especially tuberculosis.

MOST, China plans to support up to 6 projects. The number of supported projects will depend on the number of excellent applications and available funding.

WHO CAN APPLY?

1. The applicants should be from research institutes, universities and enterprises with strong scientific and technological research and development capacity and conditions, good experience of international cooperation, standard management and operation and which owns an independent legal personality and should be registered in the mainland China before June.30, 2019.
2. The applicants should not be from the government offices.
3. The project leader shall have a senior professional title or a doctoral degree, and shall be born after January 1,1960. The working time with the project shall not be less than 6 months within a year.
4. Foreign scientists or scientists from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan of China fully employed by organizations of mainland China should provide effective proof of full-time employment, while part-time employees should provide proof of employment both from mainland organizations and their original organizations.

Note: For detailed information, please refer to the below website(Chinese version).

https://service.most.gov.cn/kjih_tztg_all/20200723/3443.html

TIMELINE

The national call has been published on July 23, 2020. The time for the online

submission of the proposals is from 08:00am, July 28th, 2020 to 16:00pm, Sep 21st, 2020.

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. MOST, China provides funding only for the Chinese researchers. The total budget for this call is up to 15 million Yuan, up to 2.5 million Yuan per project.

ELIGIBILITY

Proposals will be submitted as follows:

- Joint Application Form to the Call Secretariat by the leading PI (for central registration, coordination and statistics)
- The country specific component of the multilateral project needs to be submitted to the national funding organization, namely MOST, China

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.

Applicants that would like to request funding from MOST, China have to submit a national application to MOST, China. National proposals are submitted by the Chinese partner according to rules and requirements of the above Programme. Applications should be submitted both electronically by completing online forms and also the hard copies of documents. Funding decision is also taken based upon the applicant's compliance with national rules and requirements. There will be organized the National Evaluation procedure for the selected proposals.

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