Guidance for Joint NERC-MOST Proposals

Applicants considering international collaboration with researchers from Taiwan should note that this Call welcomes proposals jointly prepared and submitted by PIs from the UK and Taiwan under the terms of the NERC-MOST MoU.

1. Context

In 2018 NERC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Taiwanese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST). The aims of this MoU are to strengthen existing and enable new research links between the UK and Taiwan.

This is a joint proposal with the Taiwanese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), in which the UK researchers will be supported by NERC and the Taiwanese Researchers will be supported by MOST.

2. Application and Assessment Process

Taiwanese applicants can request up to £15K per year, for up to two (2) years in duration. Funding from MOST will be in addition to the funding awarded by NERC. Funds must be used according to the rules and requirements of the respective agencies for UK and Taiwanese researchers, as described in the GPSF announcement of each agency.

The UK and Taiwan partners are required to submit separate (but still joint in the work described) applications. Within each proposed collaboration, the UK partners must submit an application to NERC, while the Taiwan partners must submit an application to MOST.

A **MOST budget form** should be included in the application to NERC.

The application submitted to MOST should be identical to that submitted to NERC, with the addition of any specific documents required by MOST. Taiwan applicants should consult MOST for up to date details of their application procedure.

Project titles should be prefixed by "NERC-MOST:" in order to identify that they wish to be considered as a joint proposal.

Applications which are submitted only to NERC or MOST will not be accepted.

Taiwan applications made to MOST will be assessed to similar criteria as described in the standard NERC Global Partnerships Seedcorn Fund guidance. NERC and MOST will jointly agree on selected projects for award from these assessments.

NERC-MOST proposals should start no earlier than 1 September 2022 and no later than 31 December 2022. Outcomes will be communicated to applicants by the end of August 2022.

Data Sharing Notice:
NERC carries out the processing of personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The information you provide will only be used by UKRI NERC and its partner, Taiwan's Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and used only for the purpose of carrying out assessment in making a funding decision.

The information you have provided will only be shared with the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) for this purpose.

By providing your information you are consenting to its use as detailed above.

Application Checklist:
- ✓ The project title starts with 'NERC-MOST:'
- ✓ Taiwanese Partners have submitted a corresponding application to MOST.
- ✓ UK Partners have submitted a corresponding application to NERC including the MOST budget form.