

## National Taiwan University - University of Toronto Joint Call for Research Proposals Deadline: October 17, 2025 (11:59 EDT / 23:59 TWT)

National Taiwan University (NTU) and the University of Toronto (U of T) are jointly contributing matching funds to support collaborative research initiatives through Joint Call for Research Proposals. The purpose of this fund is to provide initial support for the development of research links and to catalyze further collaboration.

### 1. Projects

- i. To be eligible, a proposal must include at least one PI from NTU and one PI from U of T. We encourage early career researchers<sup>1</sup> (ECRs) to apply.
- ii. Up to five (5) successful joint proposals will be chosen and each will receive up to CAD\$10,000 (approximately NTD\$220,000) of funding from NTU and up to CAD\$10,000 of funding from U of T.
- iii. The fund mainly supports travels and costs associated with the organization of seminars, workshops, events as well as mobility, in order to help faculty in both institutions to deepen their understanding of complementary interests and strengths.
- iv. Proposals will be assessed and recommended for selection by a joint review committee composed of members from NTU and U of T.
- v. The fund is open to proposals in, but not limited to, the following areas: 1) AI and Robotics, 2) Cities, 3) Indigenous Studies.
- vi. Projects will be funded for a one-year period in 2026, aiming to start from January 1 and end on December 31 of the same year.
- vii. Proposals with the potential for sustainability beyond the initial funding period are encouraged.

### 2. Costs

The funding will cover costs for workshops (face-to-face and virtual), symposia, staff exchanges, research seminars/presentations and formation or development of a collaborative network.

- i. NTU: Eligible costs mainly include international travel expenses, relevant international collaboration expenses, and stipend for foreign, non-NTU scholars. Please find the regulations below:

Eligible Costs	Ineligible Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NTU faculty, researchers, and graduate students research abroad</li> <li>Hosting international conferences, workshops, or symposiums in Taiwan</li> <li>Joint lecture or lecture series</li> <li>Remuneration and living expenses for foreign scholars' work days in Taiwan</li> <li>Foreign scholars' domestic travel in Taiwan</li> <li>Costs for part-time assistants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consumable supplies</li> <li>Equipment for research</li> <li>Personnel expenditure, including full-time assistants</li> </ul>

- ii. U of T: Eligible costs include travel and subsistence, research running costs, and costs associated with workshops/meetings. Existing staff time including the Co-PIs time cannot be costed to the project.

<sup>1</sup>NTU: an individual who is under the age of 45 or within five years of obtaining a doctoral degree.

U of T: an individual who is within five years of their first faculty appointment. This duration excludes any period of career break.

The fund does not support equipment, scholarships, conference attendance, PhD stipends, or tuition fees.

Eligible Costs	Ineligible Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel costs including flights, hotels and subsistence</li> <li>Costs associated with organizing workshops, seminars and joint meetings (excluding research assistants/administrative staff)</li> <li>Research costs, including consumables (up to 15% of total budget)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacement research/teaching costs</li> <li>Directly incurred staff e.g. teaching assistants</li> <li>Directly allocated costs including applicants' time</li> <li>Indirect costs/estates costs</li> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Scholarships, graduate stipends, tuition fees</li> <li>Conference attendance</li> <li>Honoraria</li> </ul>

### 3. Eligibility

- NTU:** The lead applicant must be tenure-track faculty
- U of T:** U of T faculty members who meet [the University's definition of a Principal Investigator \(PI\)](#) are eligible to apply. PIs must hold an appointment for the full duration of the grant's funding period plus one year. Successful status only PIs must maintain their funding at an account within the University.

### 4. Value of Funding

- Up to five (5) joint projects will be selected.
- NTU will provide per selected project up to CAD\$10,000 (approximately NTD\$220,000) to support NTU applicants.
- U of T will provide per selected project up to CAD\$10,000 to support U of T applicants.
- The actual amount of funding and number of projects funded in each call will be reviewed and determined annually by mutual agreement between NTU and U of T.

### 5. Timeline

Call for proposals opens	August 5, 2025
Deadline for submission	October 17, 2025 (11:59 EDT / 23:59 TST)
Communication of results to applicants	Early December, 2025
Start of funding date	Jan. 1, 2026
End of funding date	Dec. 31, 2026

### 6. Submission of Proposals

A single application in English should be submitted to the [OVPI Application Portal](#) by the deadline: **October 17, 2025 (11:59 EDT / 23:59 TST)**. The [application form](#) will request you enter or upload the following required elements. Once complete, the full application must be uploaded as a single PDF document under section 7A.

#### 1) Research Proposal (max 3 pages)

- Title of research project**
- Investigators** – include abbreviated CVs for each Co-PI (with a selected list of publications)
- Abstract** – a brief description of the project (200 words)
- Project timeline and planned activities** (200 words)



- e. **Complementarity** (250 words) – describe how the proposed activities combine mutual areas of interest and strength, and the added value of this combined expertise.
  - f. **Research proposal** (up to 1000 words)
    - i. Specific aims of the project (up to 200 words)
    - ii. Innovation/novelty of the project (up to 200 words)
    - iii. Research plan (up to 600 words)
  - g. **Rationale and potential impact** (3x 250 words)
    - i. **Scholarly impact** – describe expected academic gains resulting from the cooperation, and identification of corresponding performance indicators (e.g. a publication, blog, meeting report etc.).
    - ii. **Broad impact** – alignment with the participating institutions’ strategic priorities and anticipated benefits of the project to local or international communities.
    - iii. **Early career and graduate researcher involvement** - opportunities for their engagement and anticipated benefits to the project and to the early career and graduate researchers themselves, as applicable.
  - h. **Capacity for future collaboration** (250 words) - a description of future potential collaborations that will be possible as a result of receiving the funding.
- 2) **Budget** – provide a breakdown of activity costs (e.g. flights, travel, hotels etc.)
- 3) **Project Team** – list project participants (CVs not needed.)

## 7. Reviewing Process

A joint review committee consisting of members from NTU and U of T will assess each full proposal according to the academic merit and compelling elements covered by the following criteria:

- **Project design and rationale (10 points):** How clearly presented and justified is the basis for, and design of, the project? How do the proposed activities assist with establishing new and emerging research collaborations? How does the project demonstrate a level of innovation and interdisciplinarity?
- **Potential impact (10 points):** What desired outcomes do the planned activities set out to achieve? What are the anticipated benefits of the activities to local or international communities? How does your proposal demonstrate strong relevance to strategic priorities of the participating institutions? What are the anticipated benefits of your proposal's contribution to a global vision?
- **ECRs and student engagement (10 points):** What are the anticipated benefits of involving ECRs and/or graduate researchers? What are the opportunities provided for students to engage in the collaboration? What are the anticipated benefits of student engagement to the project and for the students themselves?
- **Capacity for future collaboration/funding (20 points):** What is the potential for this project to foster ongoing collaboration, and through what mechanism(s)? How well does the proposed collaboration plan to access external funding?

**Note:** U of T aims to increase tri-agency ‘market share’ and the associated allocation benefits that accrue. When evaluating closely ranked proposals, preference will be given to U of T PIs who currently hold tri-agency funding or have an active application in progress for a tri-agency funding opportunity.

## 8. Award Expectations

- i. All awardees must, as a condition of receiving an award under this call, complete a narrative report that describes the outcomes, nature of collaboration, project impact, trainee involvement and opportunities for future collaboration that evolved from their project (about 2 pages).
- ii. All awardees must comply with all relevant laws and university regulations, including those relating to intellectual property, codes of conduct, etc.

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