



Singapore-China YRD (Shanghai) Joint Innovation Call

Call for Proposals for Joint R&D and Innovation Projects Between Singapore and Shanghai Companies

Call Timeline

Call Opens	6 May 2026
Submission Deadline	5 June 2026
Announcement of Approved Projects	September 2026

Enterprise Singapore (“EnterpriseSG”) and the Science and Technology Commission of Shanghai Municipality (“STCSM”) have announced the call for proposals for joint R&D and innovation projects between Singapore and Shanghai. This joint call is part of the Singapore-China Yangtze River Delta (YRD) Joint Innovation Call Programme.

This joint call follows the MOU signed between the two government entities in July 2025 during the 6th Singapore-Shanghai Comprehensive Cooperation Council (SSCCC). It aims to facilitate deeper cross-border collaboration between Singapore- and Shanghai-based enterprises on science, technology, and innovation, and assist enterprises in their overseas ventures through co-development with foreign partners.

Interested companies from Singapore and Shanghai are invited to submit their joint project proposals in the research and development of innovative products and applications with a strong market potential.

1. Project Scope

The call for proposals is open to all technological and application areas, such as:

- Biomedical industry
- Life science
- Artificial intelligence
- Low carbon and sustainability technologies
- Quantum technology

2. Partnership and Project Requirements

The project partners must meet the following requirements:

- The consortium must involve at least one company from Singapore and one company from Shanghai, independent from each other.
- Academic/research entities and additional companies are welcomed as additional cooperation partners according to each country's funding regulations.
- Academic/research entities and/or companies from other countries may also participate. However, EnterpriseSG and STCSM will not fund these partners in this call.

The project proposals must comply with the following guidelines:

- The project should focus on the development of new products, services or processes of industrial application leading to commercialisation in the domestic and/or global markets.
- The project should have an obvious advantage and differentiated value proposition resulting from the cooperation between participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure, new fields of application, etc.).
- The project should demonstrate a balanced technological contribution between the partners from both countries. Each partner should contribute no more than 70% of total project contribution, in terms of person months.
- The project partners should agree in advance on the IP rights and on the commercialisation strategy of the product and process.
- The project partners are required to submit a signed MOU, letter of intent (LOI) or preliminary agreement, along with the joint application form. The collaboration period should be no less than 24 months.

Any partners whose joint R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the current call for proposals in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1 For Shanghai-based Companies

Shanghai-based applicants can apply for a maximum of 1 million RMB in funding per project, and the proportion of self-financing and applied grants should at least 1:1.

The Shanghai partner must meet the following criteria:

- a) Be a Shanghai-based company that is registered and operating in Shanghai
- b) Be a R&D-performing company
- c) Collaborate with a Singapore-based company, which must be a separate non-linked entity to the Shanghai partner(s)

Shanghai-based company may refer to STCSM's website for more information on eligibility.

3.2 For Singapore-based Companies

Singapore-based applicants may refer to the webpage linked [here](#) for more information on EnterpriseSG's Co-Innovation Programmes.

The Singapore partner must meet the following criteria:

- a) Be a business entity that is registered and operating in Singapore
- b) Have $\geq 30\%$ of its ordinary shares held directly or indirectly by Singaporean(s) / Singapore PR(s), determined by the ultimate individual ownership and;
- c) Be financially able to see the project through to completion

4. Submission Guidelines

4.1 For Singapore Companies

To apply, Singapore companies must complete and submit the online application form through the Business Grants Portal (BGP), by following the below instructions:

1. Visit the Business Grants Portal (BGP) through the link [here](#).
2. Locate the grant titled “EDG (Co-Innovation programme)” and click “Log in to apply”.
3. Log in to BGP using CorpPass. You may refer to the guide linked [here](#) for help.
4. Under the list of calls, select “Singapore-China Yangtze River Delta (YRD) Joint Innovation Call (Shanghai)”.
5. Complete the application form and include the necessary supporting documents where specified. This will include:
 - a. Latest ACRA business profile (retrieved within six months from application date)
 - b. Applicant’s latest and previous two years’ audited financial statements (Company and Group level), or official management account
 - c. Relevant key quotations (e.g. equipment & software, materials & consumables, professional services)

For reference, the fields to be completed on BGP are outlined in the sample template linked [here](#).

The online application form, along with the supporting documents, must be completed and submitted **by 5 June 2026, 1630hrs (SGT, GMT +8)**, to be considered for funding.

4.2 For Shanghai Companies

Interested Shanghai-based companies should refer to STCSM’s website for information regarding eligibility criteria and application process for Shanghai-based companies. Shanghai-based companies should note that the application portal will be open for submission until 5 June 2026, 1630hrs (SGT, GMT +8)

5. Evaluation of Project Proposals

All applications are assessed against the eligibility criteria of the call before being put forward for the national assessment according to the national evaluation criteria.

EnterpriseSG and STCSM will carry out independent national assessments and will select the eligible projects to be financially supported in accordance with their national laws and regulations. Only projects that are selected and approved by both EnterpriseSG and STCSM will receive funding support under this call.

6. Announcement of Approved Projects

Both Shanghai and Singapore partners whose projects have been selected will be informed of the results and the amount of funding for the successful projects by their respective funding agencies, tentatively by September 2026.

7. Main Contact Points

For further queries regarding this joint call, please contact the country representatives below:

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