

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals for Joint R&D and Innovation Projects Between Singapore and Shanghai Companies

### Call Timeline

Call Opens	1 March 2021
Submission Deadline	30 April 2021
Announcement of Approved Projects	End August 2021

Enterprise Singapore (“ESG”) 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 follows the MOU signed between the two government entities in May 2019 during the inaugural Singapore-Shanghai Comprehensive Cooperation Council (SSCCC). It aims to facilitate deeper cross-border collaboration between Singapore and Shanghai 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:

- Biopharmaceutical and Life Sciences
- Smart Cities Development
- Urban Solutions and Sustainability

### 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, ESG and STCSM will not fund these partners in this call.

The project proposals have to 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 36 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 Companies**

The Shanghai partner must meet the following criteria:

- a) Be a R&D-performing Shanghai-registered company operating in Shanghai
- b) The Shanghai company will receive up to 1 million RMB in funding per project, and the proportion of self-financing and applied grants should be at least 2:1
- c) Shanghai-based companies may refer to [STCSM's website](#) for more information

#### **3.2 For Singapore Companies**

Projects will be funded through the Enterprise Development Grant (EDG), where the Singapore company will be granted up to 70% of total qualifying costs. Singapore companies may refer to [www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/EDG](http://www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/EDG) for more information.

The Singapore partner must meet the following criteria:

- a) Be a business entity that is registered and physically present in Singapore
- b)  $\geq 30\%$  local equity 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

**Interested Singapore companies are strongly advised, prior to submitting the application, to contact Enterprise Singapore (contact information below) in order to check the eligibility of their project.**

## 4. Submission Guidelines

### 4.1 For Singapore Companies

Interested Singapore companies must complete and submit (1) a joint application form, which must be signed by both Shanghai and Singapore partners, and (2) a signed MOU, LOI or preliminary agreement to [SingaporeShanghai\\_InnovationCall@enterprisesg.gov.sg](mailto:SingaporeShanghai_InnovationCall@enterprisesg.gov.sg).

Following the email submission, Singapore companies must also submit an Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) application via the Business Grants Portal <sup>1</sup> ([www.businessgrants.gov.sg](http://www.businessgrants.gov.sg)), along with the joint application form and MOU/LOI as supporting documents.

Both email and EDG submissions must be completed and submitted **by 30 April 2021, 2359 SGT**, to be considered for funding evaluation.

### 4.2 For Shanghai Companies

Interested Shanghai companies should refer to [STCSM's website](#) for information regarding eligibility criteria and application process for Shanghai companies.

## 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.

ESG 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 ESG 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 end August 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> Please log in to the Business Grants Portal using your CorpPass account. To submit an EDG application, please select "Get new grant" > "Upgrade key business areas..." > "Innovation & Productivity".

## **7. Main Contact Points**

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

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