

2nd Call for Proposals for Joint R&D and Innovation Projects Between Singapore and Jiangsu Companies

Call Timeline

Call Opens	15 May 2023
Deadline for Preliminary Assessment Form	16 June 2023, 2359 hrs (SGT)
Deadline for Full Submission via Business Grants Portal (BGP)	30 June 2023, 1730 hrs (SGT)
Announcement of Approved Projects	November 2023

Enterprise Singapore (“EnterpriseSG”) and Jiangsu Science and Technology Department (“JSTD”) have announced the call for proposals for joint R&D and innovation projects between Singapore and Jiangsu. 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 November 2021 during the 15th Singapore-Jiangsu Cooperation Council Meeting (SJCC). It aims to facilitate deeper cross-border collaboration between Singapore- and Jiangsu-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 Jiangsu 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:

- Life Science
- Information and Communication Technology
- Green and Low Carbon Technology
- New Materials
- Advanced Manufacturing

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 Jiangsu as lead organizations. Both organizations must be 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 JSTD 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 commercialization 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.
- The project partners should agree in advance on the distribution of intellectual property (IP) rights and on the commercialization plans for the product, service, or process.
- The project partners are required to submit a signed MOU, letter of intent (LOI) or agreement, along with the joint application form. The collaboration period should be no more 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 Jiangsu-based Companies

Projects will be funded through JSTD's International S&T Cooperation Programme. The total grant amount will not exceed 1.5 million RMB per approved project, and will not exceed 50% of the total eligible and approved budget of the R&D costs, in accordance with the national laws and regulations in Jiangsu, China.

The Jiangsu partner must meet the following criteria:

- a) The lead organization must be a R&D performing company, registered and operating in Jiangsu.
- b) The lead organization must be registered in Jiangsu before 31 December 2021.

Interested Jiangsu-based companies should refer to JSTD's notice on its website (<http://kxjst.jiangsu.gov.cn>) for more information regarding eligibility criteria.

3.2 For Singapore Companies

The Singapore partner must meet the following criteria:

- a) Be a business entity that is registered and physically present in Singapore.
- b) ≥ 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.

Projects will be supported on a reimbursement basis, where successful applicants may receive up to 70% of total qualifying project costs.

4. Submission Guidelines

4.1 For Singapore Companies

To apply for the call, Singapore applicants should:

1. Submit your request to Enterprise Singapore via this link: <https://go.gov.sg/cip-yrd-prelim-assessment> **latest before 16 June 2023**. Thereafter, Enterprise Singapore will be in touch to inform on the application process.
2. Complete the application via Business Grant Portal using your unique link as advised by Enterprise Singapore. The application along with the following supporting documents must be submitted **by 30 June 2023, 1730hrs (SGT, GMT +8)**, to be considered for funding.

You need to prepare the following supporting documents for the application:

- a) Latest ACRA business profile (retrieved within six months from application date)
- b) Latest and previous two years audited financial statements or official management account
- c) Completed Joint Application Form¹
- d) Relevant key quotations (e.g., equipment & software, materials & consumables, professional services)
- e) Signed MOU, LOI or collaboration agreement

4.2 For Jiangsu Companies

Interested Jiangsu companies will be required to submit the Jiangsu application form in accordance with JSTD's notice on its website (<http://kxjst.jiangsu.gov.cn>), along with signed joint application form, signed MOU/LOI/agreement and other supporting documents.

Jiangsu companies should note that the application portal will be open for submission from 15 May 2023, 0830 CST to 30 June 2023, 1730 CST.

¹ Please download the **Joint Application Form** from this link: <https://www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/-/media/esg/files/overseas-markets/asia-pacific/china/joint-application-form---sg-china-yrd-jiangsu-joint-innovation-call.doc> In the Business Grant Portal application, please attach this form in the "Supplementary Project Proposal Form" section.

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 JSTD 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 JSTD will receive funding support under this call.

6. Announcement of Approved Projects

Both Jiangsu 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 November 2023.

7. Main Contact Points

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

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