

Regulations Governing Funding for International Collaborative Research Projects at Taipei Medical University

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Article 1 (Purpose)

This university has enacted the “Regulations Governing Funding for International Collaborative Research Projects” (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”) to encourage its faculty to develop international research partnerships and apply for international collaborative research projects, so as to improve its momentum for international collaborative research and its status in the global academic community.

Article 2 (Eligibility, types of funds, and application requirements)

Full-time faculty engaging in an international collaborative research project and serving as the principal investigator may apply for a fund according to the Regulations. There are two types of funds: Matching Fund and Seed Fund. The application requirements for the said funds and funding details are as follows:

1. Matching Fund:

(1) Application requirement: Those whose projects have been funded by governmental agencies (organizations) or foreign organizations (hereinafter collectively termed “the external funding organizations”) for international collaborative research

(2) Funding details: In principle, each project of an applicant shall only be funded once with an

amount of less than NT\$250,000. The fund shall only be used to cover functional expenses and overseas travel expenses. Reimbursement shall be based on the actual costs.

2. Seed Fund:

(1) Application requirement: Applicants should be under the age of 45 (inclusive) and their applications to the external funding organizations for funding have been rejected.

(2) Funding details: In principle, each project of an applicant shall only be funded once with an amount of less than NT\$150,000. The fund shall only be used to cover overseas travel expenses. Reimbursement shall be based on the actual costs.

Budgeting procedures for the aforementioned functional expenses and overseas travel expenses are to be announced by the Office of Global Engagement (hereinafter referred to as “the OGE”).

Funds received under the Regulations shall be exhausted within one year following the approval date. Any request for extending the deadline to use the said funds shall be made one month prior to the deadline.

Article 3 (Application procedure)

Applicants shall submit their applications through the online platform within the deadline announced by the OGE.

Those applying to reimburse their overseas travel expenses must submit an application at least three months prior to their departure dates.

Article 4 (Review criteria)

An applicant shall submit a comprehensive and clear project proposal and a budget plan based on the type of

fund for which he/she applies.

The review focuses on the following items: the applicant's research performance and international experience, the ability of his/her partner team, whether his/her project is innovative and has global foresight, the necessity and synergistic benefits of collaboration, the complementarity of both research teams, specific results of international collaboration (e.g., jointly publishing a paper in an international journal, technological innovation, socioeconomic benefits, and talent cultivation), expected outcomes, and prospects for future development. The number of fund recipients shall be approved in order of application received until the budget for the current academic year is exhausted.

The OGE shall form a review panel to convene a meeting to review applications under the Regulations. The list of fund recipients shall be approved by the President.

A weighted score shall apply to first-time applicants and those collaborating with this university's current partner schools on international research projects when their projects are reviewed.

This university's current partner schools are listed on the OGE's official website.

Article 5 (Review panel)

The review panel consists of 11 to 15 members, including one chairperson, who shall serve a term of two years. A list of nominees for the chairmanship of the panel shall be provided by the OGE and submitted to the President for selection and appointment.

Article 6 (Matters requiring attention when a project is closed)

An applicant must give an oral report in English after completing his/her funded project. He/she shall also meet

any of the following requirements within two years prior to the deadline for funding use, while uploading supporting documents to the OGE's online platform to close the project.

1. Having applied for funding from the external funding organizations for other international collaborative research projects
2. Having co-authored a publication with a partner research institution

If the applicant fails to close his/her project in accordance with this Article, this university shall temporarily suspend his/her right to apply for funding from the OGE.

Article 7 (Other matters requiring attention)

An applicant who cannot continue to conduct his/her project due to resignation or for unknown reasons within six months following the commencement date of the project shall immediately stop using his/her fund. He/she shall also return the remainder of the fund.

When attending an international conference or engaging in international exchange, the applicant shall observe the "Principles of Authorship Regarding Domestic Scholars Who Publish Papers in Academic Journals in Foreign Countries or China" laid down by the Ministry of Education and the "Principles for Handling Membership Name or Participation Status When Governmental Agencies (Organizations) Organize or Subsidize Civil Society Organizations to Attend International Conferences or Engage in International Exchange Activities" laid down by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. If any situation does not comply with the said principles, the applicant shall instantly raise an objection and ask the organizer to make rectification. He/she shall also report the situation to this university and provide assistance to the governmental agency organizing or subsidizing

him/her to attend the event. Where necessary, he/she shall seek help from an R.O.C. embassy or mission and report the situation to the Ministry of Education.

Article 8 (Matters not stipulated herein)

Matters not stipulated in the Regulations shall be handled in accordance with relevant regulations of this university and government laws and regulations.

Article 9 (Level of authority)

The Regulations shall become effective upon promulgation after being approved at the Administrative Meeting. Any amendment to the Regulations shall follow the same procedure.