Call for proposals

Cooperation Taiwan (MOST) - Joint Seminars

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Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
Introduction and purpose

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NOW has a cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Science and Technology of Taiwan (MOST, former National Science Council of Taiwan NSC). The aim of this cooperation programme is to promote contact between Dutch and Taiwanese researchers.

The programme 'Cooperation Taiwan (MOST) – Joint seminars' offers the opportunity to apply for a grant for a bilateral joint seminar in Taiwan or the Netherlands.

Grants for such short stays and seminars are provided jointly by NWO and the Ministry of Science and Technology of Taiwan (MOST).

For the programmes Visitor’s Travel Grant, Cooperation Germany – Von Humboldt Stiftung, Cooperation Japan, Cooperation Taiwan and Cooperation China travel grants and seminars, NWO has reserved k€ 370 for 2016, which is divided into two equal parts over the year.

NWO aims to increase researchers’ awareness of the possibilities for knowledge utilisation. NWO asks applicants to consider the potential for knowledge utilisation and, where relevant, to suggest how the results of the proposed research could be used by third parties outside the academic sector or working in other academic disciplines. This does not mean the use of such knowledge by fellow researchers within the same academic discipline; after all, the relevance of the proposed research to the advancement of science within the applicant’s own discipline is assessed through the application of the existing quality criteria.

Who can apply

This NWO programme is open only to highly qualified senior researchers with a tenured position at one of the following knowledge institutions:
- Dutch universities;
- NWO and KNAW institutes;
- the Netherlands Cancer Institute;
- the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen;
- researchers from the DUBBLE Beamline at the ESRF in Grenoble
- NCB Naturalis;
- Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL).

All fields of study are eligible.

In the case of a Joint Seminar, the Taiwanese and the Dutch applicant must prepare a joint proposal and submit it simultaneously to MOST and NWO.

What can be applied for

NWO and MOST grants for a seminar in the Netherlands or Taiwan are composed of standard allowances. Grants for a maximum of 24 months are available each year for short stays and seminars taken together.
Researchers may apply for a contribution towards the costs of a joint seminar, to be held either in the Netherlands or in Taiwan, lasting up to one week and involving a maximum of 10 participants per team.

The home organisation meets the costs of international travel for a maximum of 10 participants; the host organisation covers the costs of local travel and subsistence for these participants, and may make a small contribution towards the costs of the seminar, depending on the number of participants.

When acting as home organisation, NWO meets the costs of international travel up to a maximum of € 1070 per person. When acting as host organisation, NWO meets local travel and subsistence costs of € 175 per person per day, and may make a contribution towards the costs of the seminar; depending on the number of participants (max. 10 per team), this may amount to a maximum of € 1000 per day.

There is a maximum total amount per seminar (€ 15,000).
There is a yearly maximum of 3 seminars.

When can applications be submitted

You may submit at any time. There are no deadlines.

An application for a Joint Seminar must be submitted simultaneously to MOST and NWO at least 6 months before the intended date of the seminar. Otherwise, there are no set dates for the submission of these applications.

Preparing an application

- Download the application form from the electronic application system ISAAC or from NWO’s website (on the grant page for this programme).
- Complete the application form.
- Save the application form as a pdf file and upload it in ISAAC.

Specific conditions

Applications will not be accepted for consideration by NWO if:
- the submission deadline has passed;
- the applicants fail to comply with any written request from NWO to supply information/documentation within a specified period;
- the entire costs have already been covered from another source;
- there is no room for them within the available budget.

Applications can only be awarded within the available budget and within the limits for short stays and seminars.

A condition is that the granted application is carried out within two years after the grant decision.

This form of grant does not imply any contract of employment with NWO.

Ethical Aspects

Any research proposals that raise ethical questions must be carefully considered.
before the scientific research is carried out. Certain research require a statement of approval from a recognised medical ethics review committee (MERC) or an animal experiments committee (DEC). For some research proposals a licence in accordance with the Population Screening Act (WBO) is required. More information on MERCs is available from the Central Committee On Research Involving Human Subjects (CCMO), on DECs the Dutch Association for Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees provides information, and about the WBO the Health Council of the Netherlands can provide information.

An applicant is responsible for determining whether his/her research proposal might raise ethical questions and for obtaining a statement of approval from the correct ethics review committee and/or obtaining a licence on the basis of the Population Screening Act, if necessary.

NWO subscribes to the Openheid Dierproeven (Freedom of Information on Animal Experiments) and the Biosecurity Code. Applicants must subscribe to and comply with the prevailing codes.

A research project can only start when NWO (if applicable) has received a copy of the approving ethical statement and/or Population Screening Act licence. NWO also expects that the candidates pay due consideration to the timetable of the evaluation and the time needed for the assessment by the ethics review committee or the application for a Population Screening Act licence. For complex questions related to ethical issues, NWO reserves the right to consult an external adviser. If after consulting the applicant, NWO is of the opinion that an ethical assessment is needed for an application then the applicant is obliged to take the necessary measures for such as assessment. If the applicant fails to obtain the necessary statement of approval from an ethics review committee then the grant shall be withdrawn immediately.

Nagoya Protocol:
The Nagoya Protocol became effective on 12 October 2014 and ensures an honest and reasonable distribution of benefits emerging from the use of genetic resources (Access and Benefit Sharing; ABS). Researchers who make use of genetic sources from the Netherlands or abroad for their research should familiarise themselves with the Nagoya Protocol (www.absfocalpoint.nl). NWO assumes that researchers will take all necessary actions with respect to the Nagoya Protocol.

All scientific publications resulting from research that is funded by grants derived from this Call for proposals are to be immediately (at the time of publication) freely accessible worldwide (Open Access). There are several ways for researchers to publish Open Access. A detailed explanation regarding Open Access can be found on www.nwo.nl/openscience-

Submitting an application

Proposals for seminars must be drawn up jointly in English by a Taiwanese and a Dutch researcher and must be submitted simultaneously to NWO and MOST.

An application can only be submitted to NWO via the online application system ISAAC. Applications not submitted via ISAAC will not be considered. A principal applicant must submit his/her application via his/her own ISAAC account. If the principal applicant does not have an ISAAC account yet, then this should be created at least one day before the application is submitted to ensure that any registration problems can be resolved on time. If the principal applicant already has an NWO-account, then he/she does not need to create a new account to submit an application.
When you submit your application to ISAAC you need to enter several additional details online. Make sure you allow enough time for this.

For technical questions please contact the ISAAC helpdesk, see the section Contact.

**Procedure**

The NWO office will screen the applications to determine if they comply with the formal requirements of this call for proposals. Applications that do not comply with these requirements will not be considered.

Applications received by NWO and MOST for joint seminars are assessed separately by the two organisations. As a rule, for the application no external referee will be consulted.

The Visitors Travel Grants committee will assess the application and accompanying documents and will advise. The Governing Board of NWO will decide whether the application will be nominated to MOST. Based on the outcome of their two assessments, MOST and NWO then reach a joint decision on the application, with each organisation awarding grant in relation to the costs for which it is responsible.

The assessment procedure may take up to six months to complete.

The NWO Code of Conduct on Conflicts of Interest applies to all persons and NWO staff involved in the assessment and/or decision-making process.

NWO gives all full proposals a qualification. The applicant is informed of this qualification when the decision about whether or not to award funding is announced. For further information about the qualifications see [www.nwo.nl/kwalificaties](http://www.nwo.nl/kwalificaties).

**Criteria**

Proposals will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Quality of the research teams;
2.1 Scientific relevance of the proposed seminar with work plan;
2.2 Effects of the seminar on e.g. cooperation between Dutch and Taiwanese researchers;

These criteria weigh respectively 40%, 40% and 20% in the total assessment.

**Contact**

For specific questions about Cooperation Taiwan (MOST) and this call for proposals please contact:
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For technical questions about the use of ISAAC please contact the ISAAC helpdesk. Please read the manual first before consulting the helpdesk. The ISAAC helpdesk can be contacted from Monday to Friday between 10:00 and 17:00 hours CET on +31 (0)900 696 4747. Unfortunately, not all foreign telecom companies support calling to 0900-numbers. However, you can also submit your question by e-mail to isaac.helpdesk@nwo.nl. You will then receive an answer within two working days.
Other information

There is no other information.

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