

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (SINGAPORE-BASED APPLICANTS)

### Grant Funding

Q: What is the maximum quantum allowable for Singapore-based PIs portion of each joint proposal?

*A: The maximum quantum allowable for Singapore's portion of the project is SGD \$1 million (direct costs) + SGD \$200,000 (20% indirect costs), i.e. total of SGD \$1.2 million.*

Q: Does this grant provide indirect costs?

*A: Yes, this grant provides 20% indirect costs.*

Q: However, it is stated that "The New Zealand project team may apply for up to NZ \$3 million (excluding GST) of funding over three years. **Equivalent Singapore participation will be funded by Singapore**, through this jointly developed single application process."

*A: This is because the grant funding provided by New Zealand covers expenses that are not fundable by Singapore (eg. salaries of PI). You can think of the 1:1 matching in terms of the resources we provide. For instance, if New Zealand requested for two Research Fellows, then Singapore can also match with two Research Fellows.*

Q: If awarded, can the Singapore grant funding be channelled to Singapore-based Co-PI?

*A: Yes, the Singapore grant funding can be channelled to Singapore-based Co-PI, but not to collaborators.*

Q: Since this is a bilateral grant, will the Singapore PI be allowed to request for a line item under this grant to cover the travel expenses for visits to New Zealand and for New Zealand PI to visit NTU PI?

*A: Certainly. The line item(s) can be classified under the "Overseas Travel" category of the grant.*

### Application

Q: May I confirm if each joint proposal only requires one registration done by either the Singapore-based PI or New Zealand-based PI in the IMS portal by 20 Feb 2020?

*A: Yes, only one registration is required.*

**(Newly added) Q: Can Singapore-based PI request for IMS access? If so, how can we apply for access?**

*A: Yes. However, Singapore-based PI will need to apply to the NZ organisation in their project for IMS access. The superuser at the NZ organisation will need to set up the Singaporean IMS user access. All Catalyst NZ-Singapore projects need both NZ and Singapore organisations involved in their projects.*

*If a Singapore-based PI requires superuser access (in order to submit the proposal), the request for this will need to come from the NZ superuser, and it will still need to be set up under the NZ organisation (instead of under a Singapore organisation) to apply for the access.*

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*Please note that the contracting in IMS will only be for the NZ's part of the funding. The contracting for Singapore's part of the funding will be done outside of IMS, i.e. through SDSC. However, the funding from both NZ and Singapore will all be recorded in the IMS proposals.*

**(Edited) Q: Is there any proposal template that the PIs can use to prepare their proposals for submission by 16 Mar 2020, 12pm (New Zealand Time GMT+13)?**

*A: Please refer to the proposal template requirements listed in the updated [Call for Proposals](#) document (.e. page 19-24). For Singapore applicants, please also download the following [3](#) forms and submit them together with your other application documents:*

1. [Grant Endorsement Form](#)<sup>1</sup> (to be done together with the NZ team)
2. [SDSC Budget/Work Contributions/Milestones/KPIs Form](#)<sup>2</sup> (to be completed by the Singapore team(s) only)
3. [SDSC Other Funding Form](#) (to be completed by the Singapore team(s) only)

*Please note that both the NZ and Singapore teams are also required to complete a **Project Team table** (to be done together with the NZ team). An example can be found on page 23 of the Call for Proposals document. MBIE has provided a sample table for guidance, but teams are free to structure it in a way that best suits them.*

### **General**

Q: Is the focus more on basic or applied research?

*A: The focus is more towards basic. You may refer to the evaluation criteria listed in the grant call for more details.*

Q: Is an industrial partner required?

*A: It is not a requirement for Singapore's side.*

Q: Are Research Fellows funded by core university funding or external grants eligible to apply as Singapore PI for this joint grant call?

*A: No, Research Fellows are not eligible to apply as Singapore PI for this joint grant call.*

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<sup>1</sup> Please complete it as far as possible and provide it to the New Zealand team for them to upload into IMS by 16 Mar 2020. In the event that it is not yet sign/incomplete by 16 Mar 2020, please email the completed form to [internationalscience@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:internationalscience@mbie.govt.nz) after the due date for the proposal in IMS (i.e. after 16 March 2020). **We will still require a completed form to be submitted eventually.**

<sup>2</sup> This is a combined version of the previous SDSC Budget Form and SDSC Work Contributions/Milestones/KPIs Form.