

National Tsing Hua University

Regulations for Subsidizing Collaborative Research between NTHU

Faculty and the University of Washington

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1. These Regulations are established by National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) to implement the NTHU–Luchen Foundation Agreement for the Promotion of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and to encourage collaborative research projects on sustainability and resilience between NTHU faculty members and researchers at the University of Washington.
2. Eligibility: Full-time faculty members of NTHU.
3. Collaborating Partner: Faculty members or researchers of the University of Washington, USA.
4. Project Duration: The project period shall not exceed one year.
5. Funding: Up to NTD 1,000,000 per project. Eligible expenses include research assistant costs and miscellaneous expenses; travel expenses for mutual visits by research personnel; costs related to dissemination and promotion of research outcomes. Receipt of this subsidy does not preclude funding from other sources during the project period.
6. Application Procedure: Applications shall be submitted according to the timetable announced by the Office of Global Affairs. Applicants shall submit an application form and a collaborative research proposal (within five A4 pages, in Chinese or English) including application information, project summary, research achievements from the past five years, project background, objectives, methodology, significance, collaborator qualifications, and expected outcomes linked to sustainability or resilience indicators. All documents must be combined into a single PDF file.
7. Review Principles: Applications will be reviewed by external experts based on applicant qualifications, development potential, project execution capability, research topic, and suitability of the collaborator. Evaluation criteria: applicant achievements and potential (30%), collaborator reputation and suitability (20%), project completeness and feasibility (30%), and significance to sustainable development (20%).
8. Award Notification: Results will be announced on the Office of Global Affairs website. Awardees must sign a participation agreement within one month of announcement and commence collaborative research at the host institution by the end of November of the same year.
9. Required Procedures After Approval: One month before departure, applicants shall submit a receipt for the approved subsidy amount and a copy of visa-supporting documents issued by the host institution.
10. Obligations of Principal Investigators: A research report must be submitted within one month after project completion. Failure to submit the report requires repayment of the full subsidy. The principal investigator shall also publicly present the research outcomes on campus within six months after the subsidy period ends.
11. Project Changes: Changes to the collaborator or research topic require prior approval from the Office of Global Affairs. Only one change request is permitted. Unauthorized changes require repayment of the full subsidy.

12. Important Provisions: Recipients must return funding if documents are falsified, project content is changed without approval, criminal convictions result in imprisonment or deportation, or actions seriously harm national interests. Eligibility may be suspended during judicial proceedings. Leave and travel procedures shall follow university regulations. Recipients are solely responsible for rights and obligations arising from relationships with other institutions.
13. These Regulations shall take effect upon approval by the Office of Global Affairs Administrative Meeting.