**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**by**

**National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)**

**and**

**Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF)**

**The Call is open between 11.09.2018 and 30.11.2018**

Under the Memorandum of Understanding between National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) and Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), NSFC and PSF invite Universities, Research Centers and Institutes to submit joint proposals for R&D projects.

The call for Proposals for Joint Research and Development Projects with National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) is open in the following priority areas;

* Agriculture & Biotechnology

**GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

* Chinese and Pakistani scientists should come to an agreement with each other using their own means of communications and jointly develop and complete their project proposal before submitting it to NSFC and PSF. **NSFC and PSF do not match the collaborating partners.**
* Chinese or Pakistani Collaborator /partner should necessarily be identified in each submitted Joint Research Project Proposal. Proposal submitted individually from any side without Chinese or Pakistani collaborator / partner will not be processed further.
* Joint Research & Development Project must contribute towards development of Industry, Technology, Process, Techniques, Prototype, Commercialization and Innovation, leading to socio-economic uplift of both countries. Joint research proposal which will be applied in nature will be financed on priority.
* Project proposal must provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the year wise planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each research team and intended time schedule
* The prescribed Proforma for Submission of Joint Research Projects should be duly filled and submitted by the Chinese scientists to NSFC and by the Pakistani scientists to PSF
* Proposals submitted individually from any side without a Chinese or Pakistani collaborator will not be processed further.
* Curricula vitae of both research teams should be attached
* The duration of the projects should not exceed **three years**.
* Purpose of visits in one direction under submitted Joint Research Project should be;
* Collaborative research
* Training of Scientists
* To participate in small workshops (which would be the part of Joint Research Project)
* The call for proposals is open on **10.09.2018** and the deadline for submission is **30.11.2018**
* The present call for proposals and required information for Chinese side about the application procedure are available in English and Chinese on NSFC website: [www.nsfc.gov.cn](http://www.nsfc.gov.cn)
* The present call for proposals and application forms for the Pakistan side are available from PSF website at the address [www.psf.gov.pk](http://www.psf.gov.pk)

The Pakistani scientists must submit one hard copy and electronic copy through email to:

**The Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF)**

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* Proposals should be submitted through proper channel to the Director, International Linkages.

**EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

* Only jointly submitted proposals will be eligible for evaluation.
* The proposals will be evaluated and approved by NSFC and PSF jointly.
* Only the project proposals, which are approved by **NSFC** and **PSF** will be supported.

**FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**

* The costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists will be covered on the following basis:
1. The sending Party will meet the cost of international travel to the town where the joint work will be conducted
2. The receiving Party will meet the cost of local hospitality
* The budget for these expenses would be included in budget estimates of each project.