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Call for Joint Seed Funding of Japan-Sweden Collaborative Project

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Overview

- Encourage development of further collaborations between MIRAI2.0 member universities based on innovative projects and new ideas
- Allow applicants to jointly suggest a project in their field that has the potential to lead to:
 - Externally funded research
 - Jointly-authored papers
 - Larger-scale collaborations
 - Joint programs
 - Short course for PhD and postdocs

Available Funds

- Up to 30 projects
- Max. of 67,000SEK to Swedish project partners and max. of 400,000 JPY to Japanese project partners
- May be spent on:
 - Interactive activities to foster collaboration (travel costs and virtual activities for workshops, seminars, meetings...)
 - Pilot study costs
 - Salary costs creating focused time to prepare joint applications for external research grants, joint programs and courses
- May NOT be used to cover overhead costs
- Spending must be in accordance with rules and regulations of the applicant's university
- Co-financing is not required



Eligibility

- All applicants must be employees at one of the MIRAI2.0 member universities
- Projects must include participants from at least one Swedish and one Japanese MIRAI2.0 member university
(PhD students cannot be included as main applicants)

Selection Criteria

- Projects should relate to at least one of the MIRAI2.0 topics: Ageing, Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Materials Science, Sustainability
- Evaluation will be based on:
 - The potential to initiate new, or further develop existing, collaboration of high scientific quality between Sweden and Japan within the scope of MIRAI2.0
 - The involvement of, or focus on, early career researchers (within 10 years of awarded PhD) and/or doctoral students



MIRAI2.0 especially welcomes applications which...

- Involve co-applicants from additional Swedish and Japanese MIRAI2.0 member universities (in addition to the two main applicants)
- Take a cross-disciplinary approach involving applicants/researchers within several of the MIRAI2.0 topics
- Have a gender consideration/balance
- Whose main applicants have participated in MIRAI2.0 Research and Innovation (R&I) week or in the follow-up workshop/activity that each MIRAI2.0 theme is expected to run after the R&I week

Evaluation and Selection Process

- TEG/IEAG will shortlist and nominate projects for funding to the MIRAI2.0 General Assembly, which will make the final decision

Timeline

- Application materials to be submitted via email by 1 November, 2021
- Final Decision Announcement: 15 December, 2021

Implementation and Report

- Projects can start directly after the grant contract has been signed
- A final report should be submitted to MIRAI2.0 within 2 months of the end date of the project
- Funding must be spent during 2022, and all selected projects must be completed no later than 31 December, 2022