**UCL-Osaka University - Joint Call for Collaborative Projects and Exchange Activities**

University College London (UCL) and Osaka University (OU) are contributing matching funds to support collaborative education and research initiatives through a joint call for proposals for the development of collaborative activities.

**1. Projects**

1. This call invites research proposals in the areas of mutual interest and complementary strengths that will strengthen the partnership between UCL and OU.
2. Proposals must include participants from both institutions.
3. Proposals from all fields are welcome but those related to the following fields will be prioritised: Global Health and Wellbeing, Education, and Sustainable Urban Design and Society.
4. Up to six joint projects will be selected for funding. Proposals will be assessed by a committee composed of members from both institutions.

**2. Eligibility for UCL participants within the scope of this call**

Applications are open to UCL staff members with the following roles:

* Professor/Professorial Teaching Fellow or equivalent.
* Reader or equivalent.
* Senior Lecturer/Principal Researcher/Principal Research Associate/Senior Teaching Fellow or equivalent.
* Lecturer/Senior Research Associate/Teaching Fellow or equivalent.
* Post Doc/Researcher/Post Doc Fellow/Research Associate or equivalent **– eligible provided the contract covers the spend and activity period.**
* Applicants are not required to have a doctorate to apply, but do need to hold a role at one of the levels described above.
* PhD students are not eligible to apply, but are encouraged to take part in the project.

**3. Collaboration Activities**

Collaboration activities may be based on joint projects set up by faculty/staff members of both institutions, including:

* Joint research projects.
* Doctoral student mobility.
* Any other form of partnerships, to be promoted and implemented jointly when both UCL and Osaka find it mutually beneficial.

**4. Value and Duration**

Up to six successful proposals will receive up to £10,000. Funding will be jointly provided by UCL and OU, with 50% going to the academic at each respective institution. **However, only one proposal should be submitted.** Projects will be selected in July and begin in August and last up to one year. The budget provided by OU should be spent by the end of March, while that of UCL can be spent by the end of July.

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| **5. Timeline** **Call for proposals**  | 27 May 2019 |
| **Deadline for submission of proposal**  | 12 July 2019 |
| **Communication of Results to applicants**  | 2 August 2019 |
| **Start date of Awards**  | 2 August 2019 |

**6. Submission of Proposals**

1. Proposals are to be prepared and submitted jointly. Each proposal must be submitted by the lead-UCL academic by 12 July 2019.
2. Proposals must be submitted to UCL at the following link: TBC

**7. Adjudication**

1. Proposals are received by UCL’s Global Engagement Office and forwarded to OU for separate review at each institution.
2. **Selection Criteria**: Both internal review committees will assess each proposal according to the following criteria:
* **Project design and rationale** (how clearly presented and justified is the design and basis for the collaboration)
* **Project impact** (how clearly linked are the outcomes to the planned activities and performance indicators, such as joint papers, external funding applications, joint research with industry and proposal for policy recommendations)
* **Impact of collaboration** (is there a distinct advantage provided by this collaboration, that is not possible by the two institutions working individually?)
* **Capacity for future collaboration** (what is the extent to which future collaborations are possible as a result of the proposed exchange activities.)
1. A joint committee will convene to select up to six final proposals.

**8. Communication of Results**

Final results will be announced by means of a communication to the successful faculty members.

**9. Reporting After Project Completion**

All awardees must, as a condition of receiving an award under this call, complete a narrative report of achievements (of between 1 and 2 pages).