

Frequently Asked Questions
for the Global Collaboration Program

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The Ministry of Education (MEXT) allocated a portion of the Management Expense Grants for competitive funding of strategic enhancement. The amount to be allocated will be determined each fiscal year on the basis of achievement evaluation in one of three functional categories of the national university corporations. In this new scheme, NAIST is located in the second group, aiming at global or national excellence in specific academic fields.

Q.1.2. What are major differences between The Program and the previous “*Global Initiatives Program for Promoting Overseas Collaborative Research toward Graduate Education in Biological Sciences, Nano Science, and Information Technology?*”

The “Global Initiatives Program” was financed by a special part of the Management Expenses Grants, which did not aim at the aforesaid enhancement of organizational functions in specific areas. On the other hand, The Program is required to undertake aims stated in the plans submitted to the MEXT and to achieve objectives that can be evaluated each fiscal year. Please refer to The Program application guidelines for eligible activities.

Q.1.3. How long will The Program be supported by MEXT?

The Program will be supported for 6 fiscal years until the FY2021. However, funding is on an annual basis and all proposals, either new or continuing, need to be submitted and selected each fiscal year.

2. Eligible Activities

Q.2.1. Will The Program include activities to be initiated with India, China, Korea, and other Asian countries?

Yes, such activities are eligible.

Q.2.2. How about countries in Africa?

No, such activities are not eligible.

Q.2.3. Are researchers from non-ASEAN countries who stayed at NAIST for a long term and are currently at other institutions eligible?

Yes, the researchers are eligible to participate in The Program as “non-NAIST alumni and others”.

Q.2.4. We are planning to invite overseas researchers for collaborative research. Can we include doctoral students from our overseas partner institutions?

Yes, you can include doctoral students from our overseas partner institutions. Please refer to Q.3.6.

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Q.3.1. What is the acceptance ratio for projects with ASEAN countries and those with North American or European countries?

The Program especially focuses on NAIST alumni active in the partner universities in ASEAN countries, and therefore applications with focus on ASEAN countries may be given priority.

Q.3.2. Can one faculty member submit multiple applications as a project leader?

Yes, you can submit multiple applications. However, as the project leader, you will need to be in charge of each and every project accepted.

Q.3.3. Can we submit applications for both the “Collaborative Research Project” and the projects in 3-3 of the application guidelines?” For example, can we apply for both of these or for multiple short-term visits?

You can apply for both of these and/or multiple projects. We welcome applications that are aligned with the purpose of The Program, as well as ones that predict highly promising results.

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You can apply for the projects. However, projects with NAIST alumni or institutions in ASEAN countries will be given priority.

Q.3.5. How long can we send faculty and/or students for collaborative research projects?

Faculty can stay long term for about 30 days while student stays may be of a shorter duration.

Q.3.6 Are faculty, researchers (such as postdocs), and students all included in the category, “overseas researchers?”

“Overseas researchers” will include faculty and researchers such as postdocs. Students, primarily doctoral students, will be included as members engaging in collaborative research.

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All information necessary for publication, such as experimental results, may not be completely collected within the fiscal year during which your project is accepted. You can submit articles after completion of the project.

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