NSF-NSFC First Joint Call for Research Proposals - 2017
Guidelines and Criteria for Application

National Science Foundation (NSF), Sri Lanka is the premier science funding body in Sri Lanka which facilitates research, development and innovation to create a knowledge economy while engaging in capacity building, infrastructure development, technology transfer, knowledge creation and sharing in all fields of science and technology to improve the quality of life of the people of Sri Lanka.

National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) is responsible for directing, coordinating and making effective use of the national natural science fund to support Basic Research and stimulate free exploration, identify and foster scientific talents, as well as to promote science and technology and harmonious socioeconomic development of China.

Focusing on strengthened bilateral scientific cooperation, NSF and NSFC are calling for proposals on joint research and development from research groups involving members from both countries.

Focus and Priority

Proposals are called under the following focused areas of mutual interest to address national priorities through Research and Development with a major focus on the Chronic Kidney Disease on Unknown Etiology (CKDu)

- Health
- Water & Environment
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- Sri Lankan and Chinese scientists should come to an agreement with each other using their own means of communication and jointly develop and complete their project proposals before submission (Note that NSFC and NSF do not match the collaborating partners).

- The Principal Investigator (PI) of the Sri Lankan Research Team should download the applications (Part 1 and 2) of the ‘NSF-NSFC Joint Call for Proposals – 2017’ available at the at the NSF web site: www.nsf.gov.lk and submit the duly filled original applications and attachments along with two sets of photocopies to the NSF. All applications submitted should be addressed to the Director General of the NSF. The collaborating Chinese Researchers should simultaneously submit their Application to the NSFC according to their requirements. The project duration should be 3 to 3.5 years.

- A copy of the Project Proposal to be submitted by the Chinese collaborators to the National Natural Science Foundation, China (NSFC) should also be handed over to the NSF, Sri Lanka for the evaluation of the complementarity.

- Proposals submitted individually from any side without a Sri Lankan or Chinese collaborator will not be processed further.

- The proposals should be prepared in a manner in which the basic science aspect of the research problem are well addressed.

- The total Project Cost by the Sri Lankan Research Team should not exceed USD 200,000. The budget mentioned in the ‘International Collaborative Research Programme (ICRP) for the Joint Call for Proposals between NSF and NSFC’ should only include the cost borne by the Sri Lankan Team of the Joint Research Group.

- The soft copies of the applications by Sri Lankan scientists (along with all the attachments) has to be submitted to: nsfcjc2017@nsf.gov.lk

- In the top left hand corner of the letter cover ‘NSF-NSFC Joint Call 2017’ should be written clearly. Same has to be mentioned in the covering letter to the application.

- The completed application along with the e-version should reach the NSF and NSFC simultaneously by 12th January, 2018.
Evaluation of Proposals

- Only jointly submitted proposals will be eligible for evaluation.
- The proposals will be evaluated and recommended by the NSF and NSFC.
- Only the project proposals which are approved by both the NSF and NSFC will be supported.
- Funding for the selected Joint Research Projects will commence from July, 2018.