

New Zealand-China Tripartite Fund

Support funding is available for new and existing tripartite relationships between New Zealand and Chinese universities in 2020.

1. Background

In 2005, the Chinese Ministry of Education initiated a partnership programme, also known as the 'Two Brothers' arrangement, between prestigious eastern universities and universities in developing western inland areas.

In 2005, the New Zealand and Chinese Ministries of Education subsequently agreed to formally support and promote tripartite relationships between New Zealand and China, in which a New Zealand university is joined as the 'third brother' to an existing 'two brothers' arrangement. Both governments have further agreed to commit funding to support this bilateral initiative.

Under the terms of the May 2017 Addendum to the Arrangement on Cooperation in Education and Training Between the Ministry of Education of New Zealand and the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, the following subject areas are eligible for Tripartite Fund support: arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences and applied sciences, agriculture, food safety, conservation, forestry, advanced materials engineering and environment science.

2. Purpose of the Fund

The purpose of the fund is to encourage the development of strategic research relationships between New Zealand and China. It seeks to help initiate new tripartite partnerships and facilitate the development of existing partnerships.

3. Eligibility

The fund is contestable and open to New Zealand universities with existing and/or new tripartite partnerships. Each university may have more than one such partnership.

4. Terms of the fund

The Fund provides up to NZ\$100,000 including GST per year. Funding will be limited to a maximum of NZ\$30,000 including GST per application.

The application deadline for the Financial Year 2020/2021 round is **Friday 01 March 2020**. 50% of approved funding will be disbursed on approval of the application and signing of the Funding Agreement, with the remaining 50% to be reimbursed following completion of the proposed activity and associated reporting due within one month (of completion).

Projects must commence on **1 May 2020** and be completed by **30 April 2021**.

Successful applicants agree to the project being profiled by Education New Zealand for future promotion of the Tripartite Fund.

5. Selection process

A review panel from Education New Zealand, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment will evaluate applications on the basis of how the proposed activities align with the following criteria:

	Criteria	Weighting
1	The degree to which funding will contribute to the establishment and/or further development of the tripartite relationship	/20
2	The benefits that will result from the proposed activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The advancement of the joint research objectives of the tripartite relationship. • Longer term benefits that are likely to result from the proposed activities – what is the nature and scale of future opportunities associated with the development of the relationship? • Education and research outcomes through knowledge and information exchange, professional development, and opportunities for student and staff mobility between New Zealand and China. 	/10 /10 /10
3	The extent to which the proposed activities facilitates interaction between New Zealand and Chinese academics and researchers.	/20
4	The likelihood of success of the proposed activities and of the tripartite relationship if still in development. A robust, thorough and well thought out proposal is necessary alongside a detailed outline of costings and outcomes	/20
5	The degree to which all due diligence of the proposed activity has been completed	/10
Total		/100

Please note:

Funding is available for costs associated with mobility, meetings and small scale operational costs.

Applications that include costs relating to research or overhead costs will not be successful.

6. Reporting

Projects must commence on **1 May 2020**, and be completed by **30 April 2021**. Within **one month** of completion of the approved activity, Education New Zealand requires a report to be submitted by the applicant detailing how funding achieved the intended objectives as outlined in the application. A detailed breakdown of approved expenditure, with appropriate supporting documentation (receipts, etc.), will be required before approved funding can be reimbursed. Interim progress reports following the same format as the final report will be required for proposed activities spanning more than six months.

7. Application process and project timeline

The application process and timeline is as follows:

Deadline for Proposal Submission	01 March 2020
Application Review Completed	22 March 2020
Notification to Applicant/s	29 March 2020
Contracts completed	26 April 2020
Projects start	01 May 2020
Projects completed	30 April 2021
Report and final invoice due	30 May 2021

8. Submitting application

Completed application forms and supporting documents are due to Education New Zealand by **Friday 01 March 2020**. No late applications will be accepted, and no extensions will be granted. The application form should be uploaded in .doc or .docx (PDFs will not be accepted) format and sent to the following email address: china@enz.govt.nz.

9. Enquiries

Enquiries can be emailed to china@enz.govt.nz.

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Application Form

1. General Questions

1.1 University	
1.2 Contact person	
1.3 Position	
1.4 Faculty	
1.5 Phone	
1.6 Email	
1.7 Postal address	
1.8 Website	
1.9 Any other information (optional)	

2. Partner Universities in China

2.1 University (East)	
2.2 Faculty/contact person	
2.3 University (West)	
2.4 Faculty/Contact person	
2.5 Agreement/MoU	<i>Has an MoU for the tripartite relationship been signed?</i>

3. Information on the Tripartite Relationship

3.1 Please provide an overview of the tripartite relationship. Provide information on areas including, but not limited to:

- **Details on relationship between two Chinese partners e.g. establishment, collaboration.**
- **Details on current engagement with the Chinese universities. Nature of collaboration.**
- **Nature of current and proposed relationship (university-wide, faculty-faculty etc.)**

Please provide your response in detail here.

**3.2 Objectives of joint collaboration. Please outline the (a) objectives of the work programme
(b) longer term objectives as the relationship matures and plans for further development.**

Please provide your response in detail here.

3.3 Research focus of existing or proposed collaboration; possible project outline.

Please provide your response in detail here.

3.4 Will joint collaboration actively involve both Chinese partners? How?

Please provide your response in detail here.

3.5 How will the funding be used and how will it facilitate the development of the tripartite relationship?

Please provide your response in detail here.

3.6 Budget breakdown of costs and total funding required. Has the proposed project received funding from other sources previously? From where?

Please provide your response in detail here.

3.7 How will this collaboration benefit New Zealand?

Please provide your response in detail here.

4. Any other details (optional)

4.1 You may use this space to provide any further information not already outlined above.

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