

National Science Council of Taiwan

Guidelines for Research Networking Scheme relating to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the AHRC and the National Science Council of Taiwan

NB. This MoU is currently under review. If you are considering submitting an application, please contact Pippa Craggs at AHRC: p.craggs@ahrc.ac.uk or 0117 987 6530.

AHRC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Science Council of Taiwan. The aim of this agreement is to facilitate the joint funding and peer review of UK-Taiwanese collaborative research.

Under the terms of this agreement, AHRC and [NSC](#) will fund proposals involving applicants based in the UK and in Taiwan under the AHRC's Research Networking Scheme. Transnational teams are invited to apply directly to AHRC under the [Research Networking Scheme](#).

The AHRC Funding Guide provides an overview of the Research Networking Scheme. It details the eligibility criteria, assessment criteria, information on how to apply and terms and conditions of awards. In addition to the guidance outlined in the Funding Guide, the following guidelines apply:

- Applicants from the UK and Taiwan must satisfy their respective agency's eligibility criteria. Taiwanese scholar should first contact NSC to check eligibility to apply for NSC-AHRC project.
- The group of scholars should prepare a single application which must be submitted electronically to the AHRC Research Networking via the Joint Electronic Submission (Je-S) System.
- Applications should clearly specify this is a proposal under AHRC-NSC Memorandum of Understanding by indicating this in the project title field. The text "AHRC/NSC MOU" must precede the project title.
- The UK applicant will detail the UK component of the costs according to AHRC financial guidelines on the appropriate section of the form. The applicant will submit to NSC a breakdown of costs of the Taiwanese component according to NSC guidelines. The NSC will check that such costs are eligible and release a letter confirming eligibility to the applicant. This letter of eligibility does not constitute a funding commitment, and it must be obtained before an application is submitted to AHRC. Once NSC has confirmed eligibility, the applicant will need to complete NSC details in the 'project partners' section of the form and the appropriate breakdown of costs. In addition, the applicant will need to submit 2 further forms as PDF attachments: (a) the letter from the NSC confirming eligibility and (b) a breakdown of the costs - this should be attached to the application using the attachment type: Non-UK Components;

In line with current AHRC practices, all applications will be assessed by peer reviewers selected by AHRC. **In addition**, a NSC-nominated peer review will also be involved in the assessment process. Applicants should be aware that this will require that applications are processed by both AHRC and NSC officers. Applicants should provide written consent to the joint-processing of the applications by AHRC and NSC at the end of the case for support under the heading of 'Consent to Joint Processing'.

For further information regarding the AHRC and NSC agreement, please contact Pippa Craggs p.craggs@ahrc.ac.uk or Chang-Tze Hu cthu@btconnect.com