



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



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SUBJECT: 2023 Manila Economic and Cultural Office-Taipei Economic Cultural Office (MECO-TECO) Joint Research Project Call for Proposals

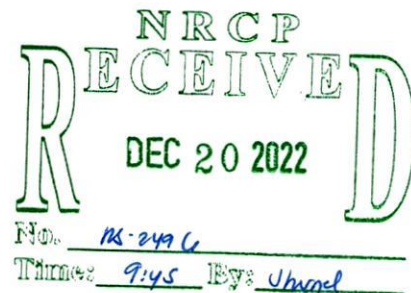
Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce that the 2023 MECO-TECO Call for Proposals is now open. May we request your assistance in disseminating this information to your S&T networks?

In pursuit of cooperation between the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) of Taiwan, we are calling for mutually beneficial and collaborative project proposals in any of the following identified priority areas:

- Virology
- Artificial Intelligence
 - Biomedicine
 - Smart Farming
 - Unmanned Vehicle Systems
 - Disaster Risk Reduction
 - Smart Cities (gov't services)
 - Transportation
- Green Technologies
 - Innovative Renewable Energy Technologies
 - Low Carbon Technologies
 - Green Architecture
 - Marine Blue Carbon
- Nutritional Genomics
- Nanotechnology
- Materials Informatics
- Quantum Computing
- Antimicrobial Resistance
- Biotechnology for Livestocks
- Robotics
- Intelligent Manufacturing

The modes of cooperation include joint research/study, exchange of scientists/technical experts, capacity building, scientific and technical access to facilities, provision of professional services, organization of scientific conferences, symposia, training courses, and workshops and exhibitions and the Sandwich Scholarship Program (SSP).



For reference, below is the timeline for the 2023 MECO-TECO JRP Call for Proposals:

Announcement (for DOST) (for NSTC)	December 2022 Mid January 2023
Submission of Capsule Proposals (for DOST & NSTC)	February 15, 2023
Joint Review of Capsule Proposals	End of February 2023
Joint Endorsement of the Shortlisted Capsule Proposals	March 15, 2023
Mobility Fund Allocation	March 16 - May 14, 2023
Deadline for Submission of Full-Blown Proposals	May 15, 2023
Completion of peer review, and review results exchanged by email correspondence	May 16 - Aug 31, 2023
Joint review of proposals submitted	September 1-15, 2023
List of the Approved Project Proposals to be Implemented	September 16-30, 2023
Announcement of approved projects	First week October, 2023
Implementation of the approved projects	January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026 (3 years period)

Interested parties are advised to coordinate with prospective counterpart/collaborator in Taiwan to craft the capsule proposals. The Filipino researcher must submit the capsule proposal to the respective DOST Council while the Taiwanese counterpart will submit the same to NSTC for review and evaluation. Only capsule proposals that are endorsed for further submission of full-blown proposals will undergo technical review and possible approval by both DOST and NSTC.

The necessary DOST-GIA forms for capsule proposal submissions may be downloaded at <http://www.dost.gov.ph>. For further inquiries, you may contact Ms. Andrea Velasquez-Agapito of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for International Cooperation, at Tel. No.: +632-8-838-8376 or email at amvelasquez.dost@gmail.com / amvelasquez@dost.gov.ph (cc: oasec.ic@dost.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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Application Mechanics and Documentary Requirements

Reminders:

- ❖ The 2023 MECO-TECO Joint Research Program will jointly approve a maximum of five (5) project proposals for implementation in 2024.
- ❖ No Program submission will be entertained for this call for proposal. **Only Project Proposals** will be accepted for further technical review.
- ❖ For the 2023 MECO-TECO Joint Research Program, **a maximum funding allocation of Php 20,000,000.00 for the whole duration of the project** will be allowed.
- ❖ For the 2023 MECO-TECO JRP, a **MECO-TECO Mobility Funds** will be introduced. The mobility fund will be used for travel expenses and subsistence allowance of Filipino and Taiwanese researchers to meet and discuss the specifics in the preparation for the drafting of the full-blown project proposals. Only those capsule proposals who are recommended for full-blown submission can apply for the MECO-TECO Mobility Funds.

Here is how to apply:

1. Prepare a capsule proposal using the following forms (<https://tinyurl.com/MECO-TECO-2023JRP>) in PDF format containing the following information and required attachments:

- Project title
- Proposed project duration (maximum of 3 years)
- Name of project leader
- Cooperating agencies (if any)
- Project plan (statement of the problem, objectives, description of proposed research activity, methodology, target accomplishments and expected outputs, significance/impact, discussion on regulatory barriers and plan to overcome the same)
- Proposed Line-Item-Budget and Workplan

Required attachments:

- Accomplished MECO-TECO Joint Research Application Form
- Endorsement from Head of Institution
- Capsule Proposal (DOST-GIA 1B)
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) of Proponent and core project team/staff
- Proof of Cooperation with Taiwanese Co-proponent (a letter or e-mail will do)

2. Deadline for submission of capsule proposals is on 15 February 2023. The capsule proposal and required attachments should be submitted via email to Ms. Andrea Velasquez-Agapito of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for International Cooperation at amvelasquez.dost@gmail.com / amvelasquez@dost.gov.ph (cc: oasec.ic@dost.gov.ph)

3. Shortlisted applicants/proposals will be announced on 15 March 2023.

4. Full-blown proposals should be submitted/uploaded to the DPMIS portal (<https://dpmis.dost.gov.ph>) by 15 May 2023.

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