

## Joint funding for China-Finland R&D collaboration projects with Business Finland and Jiangsu Science and Technology Department

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### I. AGREEMENT

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*Memorandum of Understanding for the cooperation between Innovation Funding Agency Business Finland and Jiangsu Science and Technology Department.*

### II. PRIORITIES

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**Areas:**

- 1) **New-Generation Energy and Environmental Protection**
  - New energy equipment, intelligent control technologies, new-generation clean energy, high-efficiency power batteries, water treatment, solid waste and industrial gas recycling, industrial energy conservation and consumption reduction, industrial efficiency, back-up power, etc.
- 2) **Medical and Health**
  - New medicine, medical apparatus and instruments, diagnosis and treatment technology (biological cellular immunotherapy, stem cell and translational studies, brain science clinical research, minimally invasive treatment, interventional diagnosis and treatment precision medicine, 3D biological printing and biomedical materials, medical big data and Artificial Intelligence (AI)), etc.
- 3) **Digitalization and Industrial Renewal (especially Sustainable Manufacturing)**
  - Sustainable manufacturing, smart cities, smart mobility, industrial automation, robotization, technologies (5G and future network and communication, Industrial Internet, Artificial Intelligence (AI), block chain), etc.
- 4) **Other fields both sides agree to fund**

### III. NUMBER OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED

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- Not strictly limited, depends on the quality of applications

## IV. FUNDING AVAILABLE

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### Funding for Finnish companies:

- Business Finland funding is intended for **individual Finnish companies registered in Finland**.
- Business Finland **funding is not fixed** and depends on the number of qualified applications.
- **Normal Business Finland funding principles are applied**. For more information, see
  - <https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding/>.
- Applicants are strongly advised to **consult Business Finland in advance**.

### Funding for Chinese companies:

- Jiangsu Science and Technology Department funding is intended for **individual companies registered in Jiangsu before 31 January 2021**.
- The available **funding is max 1.5M RMB per project**.
  - The **matching funding ratio** requirement for companies is **no less than 1:1**. For example, for applying 1.5M RMB funding, company should prepare at least 1.5M RMB by itself.
- Chinese applicants should follow further **guidelines issued by the Jiangsu Science and Technology Department** regarding the eligibility criteria.

## V. ELIGIBILITY, SUBMISSIONS AND DEADLINES

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### Eligibility:

- Project consortia must include **one Finnish company** and **one Jiangsu company**. Universities or other research organizations can only join as the participants or subcontractors of the project.
- The joint industrial R&D&I projects must be **highly innovative** and **business oriented**.
- The proposals should **demonstrate applicant's resources for international collaboration**, in case of the Finnish applicants especially for **entering the Chinese markets**.
- The proposal should demonstrate the contribution of the participants from both countries and the project must be **balanced** between participants and be **significant** to all partners.
- The project partners should agree in advance on the **IP rights** and on the **commercialization strategy** of the product or process.

### Submissions and deadlines:

- Both Finnish and Chinese sides must submit their **own applications** to their **own countries** and funding organizations. **One side application only is not valid**. Furthermore, both sides should also fill in a **Bilateral Cooperation Form** including general details of the project.

- **Finnish applicants** should submit their proposals through **Business Finland's submission system** (<https://www.businessfinland.fi/suomalaisille-asiakkaille/asiointipalvelu/> or <https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/online-services/>).
    - **Reference data** requested in call for applications (in Finnish “Hakuilmoituksessa pyydetty viitetieto”): “Suomi-Jiangsu-haku” (in English “Finland-Jiangsu call”); write in the given field.
    - **Bilateral Cooperation Form** must be attached to the application (“BF-Jiangsu Bilateral Cooperation Form 2022” template must be used).  - **Chinese applicants** should submit their proposals together with the **Bilateral Cooperation Form** following the **guidelines of the Jiangsu Science and Technology Department**.
- **Submission deadline** for the Finnish and Jiangsu companies is **30 June 2022**.
  - The bilateral **funding decisions** are expected to be made **by the end of October 2022**.

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