

Academia Sinica Grand Challenge Program Seed Grant Execution Agreement

In accordance with the “General Academic Research and Review” project numbering system, the Undersigned agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth below, and confirms to ensure that project participants understand all of the requirements stated below:

- 1. If a funded project is listed in the Academia Sinica (AS) “Research Archive System,” the project number should be listed in the “Project Information” category.**
- 2. If results of an AS funded project are published, the AS project number must be listed in the acknowledgements section or list of funding sources.**

The Undersigned, i.e., the Project Principal Investigator _____ (the Project PI) of this project, accepts the funding for the following Grand Challenge Program Seed Grant (GCS) project under the scope of “General Academic Research and Review” of the Academia Sinica (AS) in accordance with the “Guidelines for the Academia Sinica Grand Challenge Program”:

Project Name:

Project No.: AS-GCS-115-

I hereby declare to agree to perform this project in accordance with all relevant regulations and requirements of the AS.

1. The execution period of this project is from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028. The funding shall be based on the budget for a Grand Challenge Program Seed Grant project reviewed and approved by the AS.
2. The project budget should be utilized in accordance with AS approved budget items for purposes directly related to this project and for no other purposes. Matters pertaining to budget use and personnel recruitment (employment) should be handled in accordance with relevant AS regulations.
3. Approval from the authorized AS committees must be obtained before requesting the allocation of funds for any approved project involving biological and/or genetically engineered materials, animal experiments or human subjects.
4. During the execution period of this project, a brief progress summary of the previous year must be submitted annually; a final written report must be submitted upon completion of the project.
5. During the execution period of this project, in the event of changes in the Project PI, prior notification and approval from AS must be obtained.
6. If the project is executed in collaboration with an institution outside AS, applications for budget transfers will not be accepted.
7. Published research results from GCS projects are required to indicate the funding source and project number, and the management of such results should follow the “Regulations for Ownership and Utilization of Scientific and Technological Research and Development Achievements at Academia Sinica.”

8. Where the project content and research result involve patents or other intellectual property rights, the Project PI shall guarantee that such content and result are not subject to any infringement of rights of others, violation of medical and health regulations and impact on public order or good moral. For any damages to the rights or reputation of the AS caused due to the above, the AS may claim rights and seek legal liabilities according to the laws, and may also claim indemnification.
9. Given that certain research and development results of Academia Sinica have been successfully transferred through exclusive licensing agreements, researchers must carefully assess whether their applications for or execution of internal or external research projects may involve technologies or patents already exclusively licensed by Academia Sinica. To avoid potential conflicts of interest or legal issues arising from conducting academic research or providing free services, researchers must clearly understand the scope and limitations of such exclusive licenses. Accordingly, Academia Sinica explicitly stipulates that public funding shall not be used for research falling within the scope of exclusively licensed technologies. The content of this project does not involve the use of Academia Sinica's exclusively licensed technologies or related patents (<https://iptt.sinica.edu.tw/pages/4751>) for research and development, or for the production of products or services. Furthermore, the intellectual property rights generated by this project do not fall within the scope of any previously exclusively licensed technologies or related patents.
10. Project PIs are responsible for allocating and controlling project budgets, as well as full accounting for all project funds; should cooperate with AS at all times to provide relevant explanations and references when required, and cooperate with AS annual budget adjustments in order to effectively execute the project budget.
11. If the Project PI fails to provide a full accounting for all project funds and submit the final report according to the regulations, AS will not approve further funding for AS projects.
12. Project PIs executing research projects should follow the Guidelines for Technology Data Confidentiality and other relevant laws, as well as relevant AS regulations. If the project is identified as involving national core key technologies, or as a government-funded national core technology research program, the designated personnel shall comply with relevant control measures and applicable regulations.
13. Project PIs executing research projects should follow the “Guidelines for Implementing Research Ethics Education and Training at Academia Sinica.”
14. Project PIs should complete disclosure procedures in accordance with the “Guidelines for Conflict of Interest Management at Academia Sinica.” If the disclosed information involves financial benefits, such information should be submitted to the AS Conflict of Interest Management Committee for review before executing the project. If the disclosed information does not involve any financial benefits, the project can be executed directly with relevant records kept by its host unit.
15. In cases where an AS or a non-AS Project PI (inclusive of Project Co-PI) is found to be in violation of academic ethics or conflict of interest regulations, the “Code of Ethics for Academia Sinica Research Fellows and Research Specialists” shall apply.

I have fully read the above content and agree to abide by the aforementioned terms and conditions.

To Academia Sinica

The Undersigned: _____ (Signature or Seal)

Institute and Department of the Undersigned: _____

Month Date, Year

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