

## **ANNEX: Taiwan**

*Please use this Country Annex in addition to the standard International Partnering Awards guidelines.*

**Background:** This is a joint call with the Taiwanese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), in which the UK researchers will be supported by BBSRC and the Taiwanese Researchers will be supported by MOST. A list of awards funded through previous calls is available at: <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/filter/taiwan/>

**Scope:** Up to £25,000 is available over a period of 2 years for the UK researchers. The Taiwanese researchers are supported by MOST. Funds must be used in the principle of equivalence, for example: UK funds will be used for the travel costs to Taiwan and the hosting of Taiwan visitors to the UK (including UK conference, hotel and other costs). Taiwan funds will be used for the travel costs of Taiwan researchers to visit the UK and the hosting of UK researchers in Taiwan.

**Highlights:** International Partnering Award applications are particularly welcomed with any country, in the following highlight areas:

- **International Year of Plant Health – Partnerships which foster collaboration to protect and enhance plant health**

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH). The UN describes IYPH as “a once in a lifetime opportunity to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect the environment, and boost economic development.”

Pests, diseases and weeds are major contributors to inefficiencies in agricultural production and pose serious and continuing threats to global food and nutrition security. Current control regimes face widespread resistance, environmental change is impacting on the spread of threats and some emerging and under researched pests and diseases lack effective control options. In response to this threat, this highlight supports international partnerships that develop research and capability to protect and enhance plant health.

This highlight is a global highlight and is open to partnerships with any country. BBSRC particularly encourages applications under this highlight with the following countries: Canada, China and Japan.

Applicants should also be aware of another related BBSRC funding opportunity.

- [Transformative Research Technologies for the Detection and Diagnosis of Plant and Animal Diseases](#) (Tools and Resources Development Fund) (Call open, closing 8 October 2020); for applicants intending on developing technologies that will lead to a step change in the ability of researchers to investigate UK plant and animal health problems caused by endemic or emerging pathogens or pests.

- **International partnerships fostering a One Health approach to diseases of zoonotic origin**

Zoonotic diseases are capable of passing from animals to humans. The US Centre for disease control estimates that six out of every 10 infectious diseases in people are zoonotic and 3 out of every 4 new or emerging infectious diseases in people come from

animals<sup>1</sup>. As well as threatening human and animal health, zoonoses affect livestock production, causing economic and social harm globally.

In response to the threat, this highlight will support international partnerships with any country that develop research projects and capability taking a One Health<sup>2</sup> approach for improving our resilience to zoonotic diseases, which have the potential to cause significant social or economic impact. Applicants should explain the potential social or economic impact of their research in their case for support.

Applicants should also be aware of another related BBSRC funding opportunity.

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**Application Process and Assessment Criteria:** The UK and Taiwan partners are required to submit separate applications. Within each proposed collaboration, the UK partners must submit an application to BBSRC, while the Taiwan partners must also submit an application to MOST. Applications which are submitted only to BBSRC or MOST will not be accepted. Taiwan applicants should consult MOST for up to date details of their application procedure. Taiwan applications made to MOST will be assessed to similar criteria as described in the standard BBSRC International Partnering Award guidance document. BBSRC and MOST will jointly agree on selected projects for award from these assessments.

**Taiwan Partnering Award Data Sharing Notice:** BBSRC carries out the processing of personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The information you provide will only be used by UKRI BBSRC and its partner, Taiwan's Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and used only for the purpose of carrying out reviewing and assessment for making a funding decision.

The information you have provided will only be shared with the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) for this purpose. By providing your information you are consenting to its use as detailed above.

Further relevant information is available in the BBSRC Privacy Notice and the BBSRC Data Protection Policy.

**Application Checklist:** Please refer to this checklist in addition to the checklist in the standard guidance document.

- ✓ The project title starts with 'Taiwan Partnering Award:'
- ✓ Taiwanese Partners have submitted a corresponding application to MOST.
- ✓ UK Partners have submitted a corresponding application to BBSRC.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/onehealth/basics/zoonotic-diseases.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/one-health>