Application Instructions for

2024 Joint Research Agreement of Collaborative Seed Grant Program between

National Sun Yat-sen University and Vilnius Gediminas Technical University

I. Applicant Qualifications

PIs must be full-time and certified faculty members or researchers of either university/ Institute.

II. Procedure of Application and Execution
   A. Each perspective PI can only submit one project proposal each year.
   B. Each project proposal must have at least one PI from each university.
   C. Applicants who have previously applied for this program must submit relevant outcomes, such as collaborative papers from the prior project, for the review committee's reference.

III. Application Deadlines

2024/11/8: Application should be submitted to Dr. Vaidotas Vaišis (vaidotas.vaisis@vilniustech.lt) and Ms. Erica Hsueh (erica@g-mail.nsysu.edu.tw)

2024/12: Both universities announce the results of applications.

2025/1/1-2025/12/31: Project execution

IV. Performance evaluation criteria
   A. A final report must be submitted within two months following the project's conclusion, no later than February 28, 2026.
   B. A publication in a journal ranked within the first or second quartiles (Q1 or Q2) by the Journal Impact Factor (JIF) of the Clarivate Analytics Web of Science database (excluding those listed in the Emerging Science Citation Index (ESCI) database or published by MDPI) is mandatory within one year following the project's conclusion. The PIs should be either the first or corresponding authors of the articles deriving from the funded research project.

V. VILNIUS TECH will provide 3 projects with 10,000 Eur per project, and NSYSU will offer NT$ 300,000 to each granted project.

VI. Please refer to the attached documents for the application form and the presentation of research areas of VILNIUS TECH.

VII. If you have any questions, please contact Erica Hsueh (Ext.: 2664, Email: erica@mail.nsysu.edu.tw)