

SINO-PORTUGUESE PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION  
IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

**ADDITIONAL CALL FOR JOINT PROJECT PROPOSALS  
UNDER THE PORTUGAL-CHINA JOINT INNOVATION  
CENTRE FOR ADVANCED MATERIALS  
SUBMISSION DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013**

According to the ["Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry for Education and Science of the Portuguese Republic and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China on Co-operation in Science, Technology and Innovation"](#), signed in Lisbon on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2012, the **"Portugal-China Joint Innovation Centre for Advanced Materials"** was established on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Zhejiang University. With the support of joint entities in China and in Portugal, the Centre aims to strengthen R&D activities and technology transfer, as well as the market uptake of innovations in the fields of advanced materials. The Zhejiang University is the main partner for this cooperation on Chinese side.

In order to initiate the first joint activities of the above Joint Innovation Centre, the Department of International Cooperation of Ministry of Science and Technology of China of the People's Republic of China (MOST), and the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), Ministry of Education and Science of Portugal, issue the present call.

Each research project proposal must involve cooperation between at least two research groups, one of which is a Chinese partner and one of which is a Portuguese partner, under a joint research plan. The engagement of more groups on both sides is encouraged, as is the academia-industry alliance. In light of the mission of the Portugal-China Joint Innovation Center, in the proposals the research consortia should make explicit considerations regarding the future commercialisation of viable results.

## **R&D Projects for Advanced Materials:**

Up to three exploratory Projects in the following key fields will be selected for financial support for over one year:

- ◆ Biomedical Materials
- ◆ Nanotechnology and Nanomaterials
- ◆ Sustainable Materials
- ◆ Materials for Energy

## **Eligibility:**

The programme is open to scientists and institutions engaged in advanced research in the above referred areas in Portugal and China.

## **Evaluation**

The evaluation will be carried out by an international panel of experts.

## **Decision**

The final funding decisions are exclusively made by the national funding agencies, the Departments of International Cooperation of MOST and FCT.

## **Funding**

FCT and The Department of International Cooperation of MOST commit 300 000 EUROS each for the co-funding of up to three projects for the duration of 1 year.

Joint project proposals may be submitted simultaneously by the Portuguese partners to FCT and by the Chinese researchers to MOST in the prescribed format. **Portuguese applicants may download Application Forms and submit them by email in pdf format to [jicam2013@fct.pt](mailto:jicam2013@fct.pt), Foundation for Science and Technology**

The project proposals must be submitted to both the sides by **3rd May 2013**.

Unilaterally submitted projects proposals shall not be considered.

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