

Bulletin Boards

2018 Grand Challenge Seed Grant Program in Carbon and Energy, Academia Sinica Information Session and Call for Proposals

Academia Sinica (AS) now accepts research proposals for the 2018 Grand Challenge Seed Grant Program in **Carbon and Energy**. Applicants should submit their applications by January 5, 2018. Any application beyond the deadline will not be considered. Information session for this program will be held on December 4, 2017 (referring to **Important Dates** below).

Grant Guidelines

1. The Principal Investigators (PIs) on the Grand Challenge Seed Grant Program must be research staff of Academia Sinica, and may apply individually or in small groups. The co-PIs need to be qualified as MOST (the Ministry of Science and Technology) project PIs. The whole project budget should be managed and verified by the PI.
2. For the Grand Challenge Seed Grant Program in Carbon and Energy, the upper funding limit per project is **two million NTD**. This call does not pose any conflicts with other AS funded programs such as the Thematic Research Program, Sustainability Science Research Program, Academia Sinica Investigator Award, Career Development Award, etc. However, each PI may only carry out one project of the Grand Challenge Seed Grant Program per year.
3. For the Grand Challenge Seed Grant Program in Carbon and Energy, the project period will be from February 5 to December 31, 2018.

Review Policy

For the Grand Challenge Seed Grant Program, each proposal will be reviewed based mainly on its **potential impact and novelty**. The following three aspects should be elaborated in the proposal:

1. Define one or a few critical problems in relevant fields and briefly describe the state-of-the-art about this issue around the world.
2. Propose innovative approaches that may lead to a breakthrough for the defined problems.
3. State the expected impact of the breakthrough and to what extent the problems could be solved with the success of this project.

Important Dates

Mon, Dec 4, 2017	Information Session (10:00 am, B106 Lecture Hall, Interdisciplinary Research Building for Science and Technology)
Fri, Jan 5, 2018	Deadline for Proposal Submission
Mon, Jan 15, 2018	Announcement of Preliminary Review Results
Mon, Jan 29, 2018	Secondary Review Meeting (Individual or team applicants passing the preliminary review will be required to deliver a 5-minute presentation.)
Thu, Feb 1, 2018	Announcement of Secondary Review Results
Mon, Feb 5, 2018	Beginning of Project Execution
Mon, Dec 17, 2018	Achievement Presentation Session (Tentative)
Thu, Jan 31, 2019	Deadline for Achievement Report Submission

How to Apply

Please complete the research proposal (attachment 2) and summary slide (1 slide, no specific format), and email the aforementioned files to grandcarbon@gate.sinica.edu.tw by Friday, January 5, 2018. A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of application. To download related forms for application, please visit website: <https://goo.gl/HwQL7w>.

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