

Call for Expression of Interests
The 2018/19 Projects of the Racing Plan

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Management Committee of THEKEY Scientific Research Fund

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1. THEKEY Scientific Research Fund

THEKEY Scientific Research Fund (“THEKEY Fund” or “The Fund”) was officially launched on June 30, 2018. The Fund was founded by Ebaonet Healthcare Information Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd. With the core value of “Kindness, Responsibility, Pragmatism and Persistence” and highly professional spirit, the Fund is dedicated to the developments and applications of blockchain technologies in Chinese social insurance services. It will focus on Chinese social insurance data especially healthcare insurance data which is one of the major digital assets of the whole society closely related to people's livelihood. By leading technical and policy innovations through extensive international and domestic cooperation, it will actively promote the application of blockchain technology in Chinese social insurance services, and will benefit the society and the people through the commercialization and socialization of the social insurance data.

The Fund was initially fully funded by Ebaonet. The total fund of the first phase is 20 million US dollars for a period of 5 years, and will be distributed according to the annual work plan of the Fund. It is open to universities, research institutes worldwide.

2. The Racing Plan

The Racing Plan is the first financing scheme sponsored by THEKEY Fund. It aims to support international cooperating scientific researches on blockchain technology and development of other related technologies in China social insurance services.

In addition to the funding supports, THEKEY Fund will provide the qualified applicants with the data access and experimental environment by a built-in Green Zone on an integrated healthcare data exchange platform which is called EUU Data Exchange Platform and built by Ebaonet team.

3. Intended Applicants

This call for expression of interests intends to inform and mobilize potential applicants of the Racing Plan projects. The Racing Plan is open for Chinese and International universities, research institutes, NGOs and associations with outstanding achievements in relevant fields.

4. Funding Area and Domain

3 Areas: Blockchain technology will be the key focus of the Racing Plan. Main funding areas of the Racing Plan are:

- Blockchain technology applications in China social insurance services
- Security and supervision mechanism for data commercialization and socialized application in China social insurance services
- By utilizing medical insurance data to establish national Group Purchase Organizations for medical resources

4 Subjects: The Racing Plan will support the research projects in 4 subjects on the key funding areas:

- Cryptography
- Software engineering
- Big data
- Other related subjects: public health, public administration, artificial intelligence

5 Directions: The proposed project should use blockchain technology to improve the social insurance services in terms of:

- Security
- Efficiency

- Practicality
- Compliance and convenience
- Improve the level of intelligence

5. Guidelines for Applicants

5.1 Implementation Principles

- The processes of application, evaluation, management and use of funds will be regulated by the provisions of “Project Management Regulations of THEKEY Scientific Research Fund” and “Financial Management Regulations of THEKEY Scientific Research Fund”.
- All applications should be sent to the Secretarial Office of the Fund, and will be evaluated by the Evaluation Panel of Academic Committee.

5.2 The Financing Scheme

- Maximum Contribution of the Fund: USD 300,000.00
- Project Duration: In principal not more than 1 year
- Partnership Requirement: At least one Chinese organization and one international organization should establish partnership and jointly apply the funding. The fund allocation for international partner should not exceed 50% of the total project budget, and should not be less than 30%.

5.3 Requirements for the Applied Project

- The project is in line with the key funding areas of the Racing Plan
- The project is featured with progressiveness and originality
- It is preferred if other sources of funding could be contributed

5.4 Eligibility

1) Eligibility of the organization making the application:

- Legally registered universities, research institutes, NGOs and associations
- Good academic reputation in social insurance and related fields

2) Eligibility of Chinese applicant:

- Have senior academic/professional title
- With outstanding achievements in the project field

- Have the experience of international cooperation

3) Eligibility of international joint applicant:

- With outstanding achievements in the project field
- Preferred to have Chinese working experience
- Abide by Chinese law and regulations while doing research in China
- Follow all data security regulations and rules set by Chinese government and the Fund

5.5 Application and Approval Process

- In the case of Self-selected Topic Project, the project proposed should comply with the key funding area of the Racing Plan.
- A Letter of Agreement should be signed between the Chinese applicant and international applicant.
- Following the templates, the applicant should submit the EOI and application before the deadline.
- Applications will be reviewed and then a short list of applicants will be produced.
- The short listed applicants will be required to prepare the full project proposal in accordance with the requirements of the Fund.
- The project proposal should be submitted to the Secretarial Office of the fund within 2 months preparation period as further instructed by the Fund.
- The project proposal will be evaluated by the Evaluation Panel organized by the Academic Committee. The project team representative will be interviewed as required.
- The Project Financing Agreement will be signed with the team who has successfully passed the evaluation and approved by the management committee of the Fund.

6. Expression of Interests and Time Frame

It is calling for Expression of Interests on the 2018-19 Self-selected Topic projects of the Racing Plan.

Notes to Applicants:

- Deadline of Application: 24:00, Beijing Time, December 31, 2018
- Relevant instructions and application forms will be downloadable on Ebaonet official website <http://www.ebaonet.cn/en>
- The “Sample EOI and Application Template” is required to fill and email to fund@ebaonet.cn, and then the hard copy with official seal is required to send to the address below.
- Contact: Lina.Zhou
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The received Expressions only reflect the interests of the submitting organizations to participate and implement the Racing projects. Full project proposals will be requested of short-listed applicants to inform the decision-making of the Racing Plan.

***Disclaimer:** Please note that this notice does not constitute a solicitation and THEKEY Fund reserves the right to change or cancel this project at any time. Submitting a reply to an EOI does not guarantee that the submitting organization will be selected to implement the project.*

Attachment I Sample EOI and Application Template

Attachment II Project Management Regulations of THEKEY Scientific Research Fund

Attachment III Financial Management Regulations of THEKEY Scientific Research Fund