

2025 WAEJUC JOINT RESEARCH

PROJECT GUIDEBOOK

**STRENGTHENING
REGIONAL SYNERGY
THROUGH RESEARCH
COLLABORATION**

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INTRODUCTION

The **WAEJUC Joint Research 2025** initiative is a strategic research collaboration under the **Western Australia – East Java University Consortium (WAEJUC)**. This initiative connects **8 universities from East Java (EJ)** and **4 universities from Western Australia (WA)** through a matchmaking platform designed to foster sustainable academic partnerships and promote impactful, interdisciplinary research.

Through this program, researchers will co-develop and implement joint projects that align with shared academic interests, address regional and global challenges, and build strong institutional and individual research networks.

Rationale

This initiative was launched following the WAEJUC Research Summit held in Perth, 28 April – 1 May 2025, where member institutions reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cross-regional academic collaboration. The program is designed to catalyze interdisciplinary partnerships that not only strengthen institutional ties among WAEJUC members, but also produce practical solutions, enhance research capacity, and contribute to the long-term development of both regions.



Objectives of the Program

- Facilitate collaborative research between WA and EJ universities.
- Build sustainable, long-term research partnerships.
- Produce high-quality academic outputs.
- Enhance capacity building and mutual understanding among partner institutions.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The WAEJUC Joint Research 2025 brings together researchers from **East Java and Western Australia** through a matchmaking scheme aimed at fostering strong, interdisciplinary collaboration.

From this initiative, each team will be led by a **Principal Investigator (PI)** and supported by up to **four Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs)**. Together, these teams will co-develop and implement impactful research projects.

▶ Team Composition:

This composition ensures balanced cross-regional collaboration while allowing manageable team sizes and institutional engagement.

Each project team must include:

- **2 or 3 universities from East Java (EJ)**
- **1 or 2 universities from Western Australia (WA)**

Note: Each project team must consist of at least 2 members from EJ Universities and from WA University.

▶ Research Themes

Proposals are welcomed in a broad range of disciplines, including but not limited to:

- Liberal Arts
- Management
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Urban Planning and Design
- Life Sciences and Biotechnology
- Medicine

**Interdisciplinary projects are highly encouraged.*

Industry engagement and partnership are also encouraged.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES & PROJECT MECHANISM

▶ Expected Outcomes

Each team is expected to produce:

- At least one article submitted to a **Q2-ranked journal or higher**, and
- At least one **other academic output (e.g., book chapter, policy brief, working paper, or applied research report)**.

*To ensure continuity and long-term collaboration, teams are strongly encouraged to apply for a T+1 research grant upon project completion. Each project must run for a minimum of **six months and no longer than twelve months**. A final report must be submitted within six weeks after the project's end date.*

Note: Expected outputs may be adjusted based on the terms agreed upon in each university's contract.

**All successful projects are required to acknowledge the support of the WAEJUC Joint Research 2025 initiative in any resulting publications, presentations, or media. Teams are also encouraged to actively promote collaboration through institutional channels and public engagement activities, where appropriate.*

▶ Project Mechanism

The program begins with a **Call for Project Proposals**, open to researchers from all WAEJUC member institutions. Proposals must be submitted as **complete team submissions**, and not as individual PI applications.

Each proposal must include research objectives, methodology, timeline, intended outputs, and budget plan. Proposals will be reviewed by a **joint expert panel**, with assessors drawn from drawn from Western Australia and East Java institutions



PROJECT LEADERSHIP AND SELECTION CRITERIA



Principal Investigator (PI)

Responsible for initiating, coordinating, and reporting the project, the PI oversees the full implementation of activities and outcomes.

Co- Principal Investigator (PI)

Support the PI in subject-matter expertise, coordination, and research implementation across institutions.

Selection Criteria

- The PI **must be a minimum Senior Lecturer/Assistant Professor** or equivalent, preferably with a doctoral degree.
- **Team** should demonstrate publication records in reputable journals (e.g., Scopus/WoS).
- **Team** should show prior experience managing research projects with multi-institutional or international collaboration.
- **Team** should demonstrate potential for or experience in international collaboration.
- **Diversity in teams is encouraged**, including the inclusion of early-career researchers.
- **Project feasibility** will be assessed based on available funding, timeline, and team capacity.

LIST OF UNIVERSITIES IN COLLABORATION

EAST JAVA UNIVERSITIES

UNIVERSITAS AIRLANGGA

UNIVERSITAS BRAWIJAYA

INSTITUT TEKNOLOGI SEPULUH
NOPEMBER SURABAYA

UNIVERSITAS NEGERI
SURABAYA

UNIVERSITAS NEGERI MALANG

UNIVERSITAS PEMBANGUNAN
NASIONAL “VETERAN” JAWA
TIMUR

UNIVERSITAS TRUNOJOYO
MADURA

UNIVERSITAS JEMBER

WESTERN AUSTRALIA UNIVERSITIES

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
AUSTRALIA

CURTIN UNIVERSITY OF
TECHNOLOGY

EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

MURDOCH UNIVERSITY



TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT



FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION



Each participating researcher will be allocated funding equivalent to:
Rp 50 million / AUD 5,000 per individual team member

This means:

- **A minimum-sized team (2 EJ + 1 WA)** will receive up to AUD 15,000 total
- **A maximum-sized team (3 EJ + 2 WA)** may receive up to AUD 25,000 total

Funding will be managed through each university's respective research units. This per-member allocation model ensures flexibility and ease of budget planning for all parties.



HOW TO APPLY

▶ Required Documents :

1. Project Proposal Summary (2–3 pages) Please download the template form: <https://bit.ly/Waejuc-appform>

This template form consists of:

- Outlines research idea, objective, methodology, and projected outcomes.
- Highlighting academic background, key publications, and prior research/project experience.

2. Statement of Commitment

3. Endorsement Letter / Letter of Support

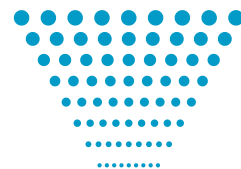
From Dean/Research Director confirming institutional support for the PI and the proposed project



Submit your application to <https://bit.ly/WAEJUC-CallforProposal>

BEFORE 31 JULY 2025





For More Information

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