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Call for Proposals

„International Research Workshops 2016/2017“

Within the framework of Freie Universität Berlin's Internationalization Strategy, the Center for International Cooperation supports bilateral international research workshops with partner institutions abroad. International research workshops allow researchers at Freie Universität to identify complementary research strengths and synergies with colleagues at institutions abroad and to facilitate the use of these potentials in future research projects. The workshops should have a clearly defined agenda, address a particular research topic and serve as a catalyst for the development of new research projects.

The motivation for choosing a particular partner institution should be clearly explained, including how the institute or department at Freie Universität will profit from this cooperation in the long run and what synergies may be taken advantage of in the context of a research project. Workshops should have a clearly defined research agenda and serve as a catalyst to develop new research projects. More than one partner institution can be included if the workshop is part of a multi-lateral research proposal (e.g. EU-funding). Workshops can be either held at Freie Universität Berlin or the partner institution. Inclusion of non-university research institutions such as Max Planck Institutes, Helmholtz Centers, and others, is encouraged, however, the additional costs must be covered by these partners themselves. The call is not limited to a specific academic field, the workshops can be either focused on one discipline or be of interdisciplinary character.

Application

Professors at Freie Universität Berlin are eligible to submit a proposal. The involvement of both senior and junior researchers in the proposed workshop is a prerequisite for the application. Funding for international research workshops cannot exceed 50% of the total workshop costs; the international partner institutions are expected to contribute matching funds in the equal amount. Costs should not exceed € 10,000.

Funding is allocated on a competitive basis with attention to the following selection criteria:

- clearly formulated goals of the workshop
- convincing choice of partner institution, incl. information on envisaged synergies
- level of concreteness of future joint research, incl. timeframe and information on funding programs and steps for developing a joint proposal
- compatibility with the research profile of the FUB institute/department
- information on co-funding by partner institution(s)

Proposals for international research workshops should ideally be submitted in English. They should not exceed 4 pages and have the following information attached:

- Timeframe for the workshop and budget calculation
- Statement of respective FUB department (Fachbereich) or Central Institute (ZI)
- Letter of confirmation by participating researchers from partner institution(s)

Proposals for workshops for the second half of 2016 should be handed in at the April deadline. For workshops during the first half of 2017, please use the September deadline.

The next deadlines for proposal submission are:

April 15, 2016

September 15, 2016

Proposals should be submitted electronically to:

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