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Call for Proposals 2015

„International Research Workshops“

In its International Network University strategy, Freie Universität Berlin seeks to promote research cooperation with partner institutions abroad. In order to support Freie Universität faculty in developing new joint research initiatives, the Center for International Cooperation offers funding for international research workshops with partner institutions abroad. Such bilateral research workshops allow faculty at Freie Universität to identify complementary research strengths and facilitate the use of synergies in future research projects.

The scientific motivation for choosing a particular partner institution should be clearly explained, including how the involved institute(s) or department(s) at Freie Universität will profit long term from this cooperation and what synergies can arise. The bilateral workshops should have a clearly defined research agenda and serve as a catalyst for the development of new research projects. Multilateral workshops are possible in cases where the envisaged research initiative (i.e. planned proposal for EU funding schemes) requires the involvement of several foreign institutions. The workshop format and duration is not pre-defined. Workshops can be held in Berlin or at the location of the partner institution abroad, participants should include both senior and junior researchers. Inclusion of German non-university research institutions such as Max Planck Institutes, Helmholtz Centers, and others, is encouraged. However, the additional costs should 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.

Submission of proposals

Proposals can be submitted by permanent professors of Freie Universität Berlin. It is required that the workshop proposals involve several FU faculty, both senior and junior researchers (PhD students and/or PostDocs). Funding for up to 50% of total workshop costs can be requested, with the international partner expected to contribute matching funds in equal amount. Total workshop costs shall usually not exceed € 10.000 (including travel).

Funding for joint research workshops is provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected with particular attention given to the following criteria:

- Clearly formulated goals of the workshop
- 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 be ideally submitted in English. They should not exceed 4 pages and have the following information attached:

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

For workshops planned for 2015, the proposals should be submitted at the April deadline, workshops planned for the first half of 2016, at the September deadline:

April 15, 2015
September 15, 2015

Proposals shall be submitted electronically to the address below:

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