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Call for Proposals 2016

Freie Universität Berlin – The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Joint Seed Money Funding Scheme

With the goal of facilitating cooperation in the framework of a strategic partnership, Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI) have established a joint seed money funding scheme. The funding shall enable FUB and HUJI faculty and researchers to identify complementary strengths, facilitate the use of synergies, and promote the development of outstanding future research projects.

The joint funding scheme with an annual budget of € 50.000 aims at supporting the first steps of research collaboration. The following formats are possible:

- Intensive research workshops
- Short term research stays (for young as well as established researchers)
- Research-oriented teaching / short intensive graduate seminars
- Mobility for the preparation of joint research proposals

The supported activities should have a clearly defined focus and serve as a catalyst for the development of new joint projects. The activities can take place in Berlin or in Jerusalem; participants should include both senior and junior faculty/researchers of FUB and HUJI.

The motivation for holding the activity should be clearly explained, including how the involved FUB and HUJI institutes or departments can profit long term from this cooperation and what synergies can arise. Inclusion of German 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 funding scheme is not limited to a specific academic field, the activities can be either focused on one discipline or be of interdisciplinary character.

Proposals must be jointly submitted by faculty of Freie Universität Berlin and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. They should ideally involve both senior and junior researchers (PhD students or Post Docs).

Selection criteria

Seed money funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a FUB-HUJI committee, giving particular attention to the following criteria:

- Clearly formulated plan and goals of the activity
- Information on envisaged synergies
- Level of concreteness of future joint research, incl. specific timeframe and information on funding programs (i.e. bilateral or EU funding programs) and steps for developing a joint proposal for submission to such external funding agencies
- Compatibility with the FUB/HUJI research profiles (interdisciplinary nature, excellence of project leaders, scope of the fields/labs represented in the proposed activity)
- Information on how the cooperation can be sustained beyond the initial seed money funding phase

Submission and deadlines

Proposals for the FUB-HUJI seed money funding scheme should be jointly submitted by FUB and HUJI faculty in English. They should not exceed 4 pages and have the following information attached:

- Timeframe/Date for the proposed activity
- Detailed budget calculation
- Written endorsement statement of respective FUB/HUJI faculty/department
- Information on project leaders on both sides and list of other FUB/HUJI participants

Joint proposals can be submitted until **January 30, 2016**.

The proposed activities should commence in the same year.

Researchers should submit their joint proposal simultaneously in Berlin and in Jerusalem. Proposals should be sent electronically to the following addresses:

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