



2016 Call for Proposals: FUB – UBC Joint Funding Scheme

Freie Universität Berlin (FUB), Germany
and
The University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada

FUB and UBC have agreed that as part of their Strategic Partnership Initiative (SPI), both will contribute to a fund for cooperative activities. The funds are intended to enable FUB and UBC faculty and researchers to identify complementary strengths, leverage synergies and promote the development of outstanding future research projects and other academic opportunities.

Suggested use of the funding may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Intensive research and/or academic workshops
- Short-term research stays (for both new and established researchers)
- Research-oriented teaching opportunities (e.g. short intensive seminars)

Funding

The joint funding scheme has an annual budget of EURO 60,000 per year. It is anticipated that the funding will enable approximately five or six different projects per year. The total project cost will be split equally between FUB and UBC. (Please note that UBC requires UBC applicants to secure co-funding of up to 15% of the total project cost. UBC applicants should note the co-funding source in the proposal).

Project Proposals

Faculty and Academic Staff wishing to access funding should do so by submitting a written project proposal. The successful proposal MUST contain:

- A clearly articulated 2-4 page description of the project; a list of the participants from both FUB and UBC; an overview of the motivation for the collaboration and the synergies expected; and the short- and long-term objectives with anticipated outcomes, including, if appropriate, how future funds may be raised for the initiative, such as joint grant applications to external funding agencies, foundations, etc.;
- A detailed pro-forma budget for the project, listing all expenditures expected to be incurred;
- A description of any third party participant such as a non-university research institute. Third party participants are welcome and encouraged, however, any such third party will not have access to these funds and must contribute separate funding to the initiative;
- A letter of support from both applicants' Faculty or Department (i.e. Dean's office); a detailed budget and timeline; and
- Applications should, if possible, include a teaching component, such as a lecture, compact seminar, or workshop open to students at the hosting university.



Proposals must be submitted to both FUB and UBC to the attention of the addressees listed at the end of this document and must be jointly submitted by one or more participants from each of FUB and UBC. The project PIs should hold a tenure-track/permanent position at UBC and FUB.

Eligible expense budget items include:

- travel costs (economy class airfare only)
- hotel costs and/or per diems
- hosting (meeting rooms, food and beverage, etc.)
- workshop or seminar materials (hand-outs, etc.)

All eligible expenses MUST occur within 180 days of the date of the application. There is no minimum or maximum funding-level requirement for an application.

Selection Criteria and Deadlines:

Seed money funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a Joint FUB-UBC Committee. Key criteria that the Committee will be looking for include: well-articulated short- and long-term collective benefits for both FUB and UBC; realistic future funding models where applicable; and benefits to current and future students at the two universities.

Applications will be evaluated twice per year and must be received before the deadlines:
15 of March, 2016
15 of September, 2016

Unless additional information is required from the applicants, it is anticipated that a yes/no answer will be delivered within 30 days of each deadline. All Joint FUB-UBC Committee decisions are final and may not be appealed.

Applications must be sent electronically in PDF format to:

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We appreciate your interest in the programme. Thank you.