

July 2016

**Call for Proposals 2016**  
**Tel Aviv University – Freie Universität Berlin**  
**Joint Research Workshops**

With the goal of facilitating research cooperation, Freie Universität Berlin and Tel Aviv University have established a joint funding scheme to support annual joint research workshops.

FUB-TAU joint research workshops allow researchers to identify complementary research strengths and facilitate the use of synergies in future research projects. The workshops should have a clearly defined research focus and serve as a catalyst for the development of new research projects. The workshop format and duration is not pre-defined. The workshops can be held in Berlin or in Tel Aviv; participants should include both senior and junior researchers. Researchers can participate in more than one workshop provided that the workshops are not submitted in the same cycle.

The scientific motivation for holding the workshop should be clearly explained, including how the involved FUB and TAU institutes or departments can profit long term from this cooperation and what synergies will 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 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/tenured professors of Freie Universität Berlin and tenured or tenure-track faculty members of Tel Aviv University. It is required that the workshop proposals involve several FUB and TAU faculty both senior and junior researchers (PhD students or Post Docs). Total workshop costs shall not exceed €10.000 (including travel), of which FUB and TAU will cover 50% each under this call.

### **Selection criteria**

Funding for joint research workshops is provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint FUB-TAU committee, giving particular attention 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 FUB/TAU research profiles (interdisciplinary nature, excellence of project leaders, wide scope of the different fields/labs represented in the proposed workshop)

### Submission and deadlines

Proposals for FUB-TAU joint research workshops should be submitted in English. They should not exceed 4 pages and have the following information attached:

- Timeframe/Date for the workshop (proposals for the first cycle shall be held until the end of 2016; proposals for second cycle shall be held during first quarter 2017)
- Budget calculation
- Written endorsement statement of respective FUB/TAU faculty/department.
- Information on project leaders on both sides and list of other FUB/TAU participants

Joint proposals can be submitted at the following dates:

**15 May, 2016** (*please note that the deadline was extended from April 15 to May 15 this year*)

**15 September, 2016**

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

#### At Freie Universität Berlin:

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