

Una Europa is a European University Alliance consisting of 11 universities that has set itself the goal of intensifying cooperation in the areas of research, teaching and outreach. Besides Freie Universität Berlin, the members of this university alliance are Università di Bologna, University College Dublin, University of Edinburgh, Universiteit Leiden, KU Leuven, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Uniwersytet Jagielloński in Krakow, Helsingin Yliopisto (University of Helsinki), Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and the University of Zurich.

In this context, IV A - Centre for International Cooperation calls for applications for:

Una Europa Early Career Researcher Fellowships

Submission deadline for projects in current calendar year: 12 January 2026

Lump sum for a research stay of at least 4 weeks: 2500 Euro

The call is aimed at **doctoral researchers and postdocs** (maximum 6 years after completion of the dissertation) of FU Berlin from all disciplines. The aim is to promote an individual research project of early-career scientists within the framework of Una Europa, to further develop professional competencies, to enable independently initiated networks among peer scientists and to strengthen scientific collaboration in Una Europa in general. Selected applicants will work independently together with scientists from partner universities. They should also act as ambassadors for FU Berlin and should promote our university at the respective destination, for example with an information event about FU Berlin.

The call for applications is open to all departments and scientific disciplines. The application must include a detailed description of the planned research stay.

Successful applicants are responsible for the entire organisation of their stay (travel, accommodation, insurance, leave in the case of research assistants, etc.). The Una Europa team can provide support in establishing contact with the partner institution.

What is to be funded?

Research stays at a department at one of the 10 Una Europa partner universities. To apply, a written invitation from a department, institute, or working group at one of the partner universities is required, which must include the following information:

- Knowledge of the research project,
- Willingness to support the research project described,
- Willingness to involve the early-career researcher in the activities of the department, institute, working group, or a Una Europa SSC,
- Possible willingness to involve the early-career researcher in workshops, lecture series, or courses during the stay. The early-career researcher may be provided with a workplace if available.

What are the funding requirements?

- Applicants must be enrolled as doctoral students at FU Berlin, still enrolled after completing their doctorate or employed as research assistants or postdocs.
- The Early Career Researchers are responsible for selecting their desired destination, i.e. they are expected to do research on potential partners independently. The Una Europa team at FU can provide support in making contact with partners.

Application documents:

- Application online form
- Invitation from the partner university (e.g. hosting professor)
- Letter of support from a university lecturer (permanent teaching staff) at FU

Applications will be accepted before the stated deadline. After review by a selection committee, accepted applicants will be informed.

Please send your application documents as a PDF to Dr. Klaus Wiehl, Center for International Cooperation, via email: klaus.wiehl@fu-berlin.de

Further information online:

[Calls for Early-Career Researchers at FU Berlin](#)

[Una Europa at FU Berlin](#)

[Introduction of the alliance Una Europa](#)

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