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Universität Zürich - Freie Universität Berlin

Joint Digital Humanities Fund

Freie Universität Berlin and the University of Zurich have been strategic partners since spring 2017. With the aim of strengthening cooperation in research and teaching between the two universities, Freie Universität Berlin and the University of Zurich have launched a new joint funding line to support projects in the Digital Humanities. The funding is intended to enable scientists in the humanities and computer science to identify opportunities for cooperation in the field of digital humanities and to develop joint projects.

The joint funding line serves as a starting point to finance joint projects in research and teaching. Funding can be requested for the following activities:

- Intensive research workshops
- Research stays of PhD students, Postdocs and Professors
- Development of joint teaching projects
- Preparation of applications for third-party funding

The funded projects should have a clearly defined goal and serve as a catalyst for new joint Digital Humanities projects in research and teaching. They can take place in Berlin or Zurich. Professors from both universities are eligible to apply under this funding line. Applications for funding for interdisciplinary projects are expressly supported.

The reasons for the implementation of the project should be clearly stated, including the question of how the participating institutes or departments of the UZH and the FUB can benefit from the cooperation in the long term and which synergies can arise. The involvement of non-university research institutions such as Max Planck Institutes, Helmholtz Centres, Einstein Center Digital Future, Weizenbaum Institute for Networked Society and others is possible if these partners are willing to contribute to the co-financing.

The funding per project can vary between 5.000 Euro and 10.000 Euro. The Joint Digital Humanities Fund has a total budget of 30.000 Euro in 2019.

Selection criteria

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

- Clearly formulated plan of the activity
- Scientific merit of the proposed activities and of the anticipated outcomes



- Envisaged synergies and added value for ongoing research on both sides
- Benefits of the proposed activities for the establishment of sustainable research partnerships and institutional links between UZH and FUB
- Potential for follow-up collaborative activities
- Potential for acquiring third party funding for follow up activities
- Expertise and complementarities of the involved researchers
- Feasibility of the proposed approach
- Qualifications and experience of applicants

Submission and deadlines

Proposals in the UZH-FUB Joint Digital Humanities fund should be jointly submitted by UZH and FUB faculty in either English or German. Please submit your proposal using the [joint application form](#) and include the following information:

- Written endorsement statement of respective UZH and FUB heads of departments
- Information on project leaders on both sides and list of other UZH/FUB participants

Joint proposals should be submitted by April 30, 2019. Projects will be funded for a duration of twelve months.

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

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