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**Universität Zürich - Freie Universität Berlin
Berlin-Zürich Visiting Scholars Program**

Freie Universität Berlin and Universität Zürich have been strategic partners since spring 2017. With the goal of strengthening cooperation in research and teaching, the University of Zurich and Freie Universität Berlin have established a joint funding scheme meant to facilitate stays of visiting scholars at the respective institutions. For 2019, UZH and FUB will jointly award a total number of four stays for visiting scholars.

The funding seeks to contribute to the networking of researchers and to the internationalization of teaching. Through the participation in teaching and the interaction with colleagues, the visiting scholars will receive insight into the hosting institution and expand their research network, which in turn will strengthen research cooperation between the University of Zurich and Freie Universität Berlin. The funded stays should pursue a clearly defined goal and serve as a catalyst for deepened cooperation.

The stay should include the following components:

- Active participation of the Visiting Scholar in one or several courses (e.g. as guest lecturer or in the context of a compact course)
- Initiation of joint research projects
- Ideally the planning of a return visit and other follow-up activities

Applications for this funding scheme can be submitted by professors of both universities. Funding will be provided for stays of at least two weeks or a maximum of one month. An overlap between the period of the stay and the respective lecture period is necessary in order to include a teaching activity at the partner institution. With regard to the differing lecture periods at both universities, stays during March and September at the University of Zurich and stays during January and June at Freie Universität Berlin seem most feasible. However, the exact time for the visit can be decided upon freely by the visiting scholar and the host.

The funding scheme is not limited to a specific academic field. Funding for visiting scholars of the University of Zurich at Freie Universität Berlin amounts to 3.500 Euro for a month-long stay or 1.750 Euro for a two-week stay + a grant for travel expenses of 250 € in both cases. Visiting scholars of Freie Universität Berlin at the University of Zurich will receive a guest researcher allowance amounting to 5.000 CHF for a month-long stay and 2.500 CHF for a two-week stay + a grant for their travel expenses of 250 CHF in both cases.



Selection criteria

Funding will be provided on a competitive basis. A joint UZH-FUB committee, paying particular attention to the following criteria, will select the visiting scholars:

- Clearly formulated plan of the activity
- Concrete illustration of the components of the stay, envisaged synergies and added value for ongoing research on both sides
- Utility of the proposed activity for the establishment of sustainable research partnerships and institutional connections between UZH and FUB

Submission and deadlines

UZH and FUB faculty should jointly submit proposals for UZH-FUB Visiting Scholars in English or German. Please hand in your proposal using our [joint application](#) form and attach the following information:

- Written endorsement letter from the hosting department/faculty at UZH or FUB.
- Short CV of the visiting scholar (should not exceed 2 pages)

The deadline for stays in 2019 (up to October 2019) is **January 7, 2019**.

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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