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Call for Proposals 2019

Universität Zürich - Freie Universität Berlin

Joint Seed Money Funding

With the goal of facilitating cooperation in the framework of a strategic partnership, Universität Zürich (UZH) and Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) have established a joint seed money funding scheme. The funding shall enable UZH and FUB faculty and researchers to identify complementary strengths, facilitate the use of synergies, and promote the development of outstanding future projects in research and teaching.

The joint seed funding aims at supporting the first steps of cooperation projects, but is not meant as complete project funding. The following formats are possible:

- Intensive research workshops
- Short term research stays (for established as well as young researchers)
- Research-oriented teaching / short intensive graduate seminars
- Mobility for the preparation of joint research proposals

The supported activities should have a clearly defined focus and serve as a catalyst for the development of new joint projects. The activities can take place in Berlin or in Zurich; applications can be handed in by senior researchers (professors) and ideally include both senior and junior faculty /researchers (PhD students or Post Docs) of FUB and UZH. Researchers from the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin may also apply for funding of bi- or trilateral projects. However, they must provide matching funds independently.

The motivation for holding the activity should be clearly explained, including how the involved UZH and FUB institutes or departments can profit long term from this cooperation and what synergies can arise. Inclusion of non-university research institutions such as Max Planck Institutes, Helmholtz Centers, Paul Scherrer Institute, EMPA and others, is possible, provided these partners are willing to contribute co-funding.

The funding scheme is not limited to a specific academic field, the activities can be either focused on one discipline or be of interdisciplinary character. The maximum amount of seed funding per project is € 3.000.

Proposals must be jointly submitted by faculty of Universität Zürich and Freie Universität Berlin and can be written in German or in English.



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 for the UZH-FUB seed money funding scheme should be jointly submitted by UZH and FUB faculty in English. They should not exceed 4 pages. Please hand in your proposal using [our joint application form](#) and attach the following information:

- Timeframe/Date for the proposed activity
- Detailed budget calculation
- 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 can be submitted bi-annually. The next deadline is **April 30, 2019**. The proposed activities should be conducted within 12 months of the proposal submission.

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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