

July 2021

## University Alliance for Sustainability

### Call for applications for research stays 2021 in the field of sustainability at

Peking University, China (PKU)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (HUJI)

University of British Columbia, Canada (UBC)

St. Petersburg State University, Russia (SPbU)

One of the key components of Freie Universität's internationalization strategy is to establish Strategic Partnerships with a number of leading international research universities. Within the framework of the University Alliance for Sustainability, Freie Universität Berlin, together with its four strategic partners, will focus on sustainability as a comprehensive topic for collaborating in research, teaching, and campus management.

For 2021, the University Alliance for Sustainability (UAS) offers a limited number of research stays at four of FU Berlin's strategic partner universities. Applicants should address the **17 Sustainable Development Goals** in their letters of motivation.

#### Please note that

- The UAS Mobility Program is subject to legal regulations within the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic. Travel can only be undertaken if the regulations of the FU Berlin, the Federal Foreign Office and the partner universities in force at the time allow it. The acceptance for the UAS Mobility Program is subject to this reservation.
- The exchanges under the current call have to be completed in 2021.

If you would like to invite someone from the partner universities for joint research projects at Freie Universität Berlin, please contact UAS Program Manager Katrin Schweigel ([Katrin.schweigel@fu-berlin.de](mailto:Katrin.schweigel@fu-berlin.de)) for possible funding.

## Funding lines:

### 1) Senior Research Stays

Eligibility:	FUB researchers on the postdoc level and up
Duration:	max. 3 weeks at the partner university
Funding:	travel and accommodation costs according to BRKG
Objectives:	development of new research projects or research in already existing projects on the topic of sustainability
Quantity:	2 research stays

### 2) Junior Research Stays

Eligibility:	FUB doctoral students
Duration:	max. 2 months at the partner university
Funding:	travel costs and monthly scholarship according to DAAD list*
Objectives:	research on own PhD subject on the topic of sustainability
Quantity:	1 doctoral student for each partner university

## Application Details

The application deadline is **August 23, 2020**.

Applications need to be thematically focused on questions relating to sustainability. Projects will be selected on a competitive basis with particular attention to the following criteria:

- Clearly formulated goals and feasibility of the project (incl. timeline)
- Project's relevance to the field of sustainability
- Special consideration of aspects such as inter- and transdisciplinary relevance, use of participative and innovative techniques and methods, or use of the university itself as a topic for research
- For administrative staff: relevance and possible results of the exchange as well as transfer options to Freie Universität Berlin

## Eligibility

Researchers and employees of Freie Universität Berlin are eligible to apply. The relevant status groups are outlined in the specifications above.

## Application documents

To allow for a smooth selection process, applications shall be in English, no longer than four pages, and handed in electronically.

## Please send in the following documents to the address below:

- Cover Sheet (available on our website)
- Description of the planned project and its relevance to the issue at hand (max. 4 pages, in English) including timeline and estimated costs

- Letter of motivation drawing on the following questions:
  - o How does the UAS exchange relate to your studies/research or work?
  - o How do you imagine your role as ambassador for the UAS at the partner university and your home institution?
- Invitation by the partner university where available, or proof of contact to the partner institution
- For researchers: written endorsement statement of respective faculty/department
- For students: transcript of records, confirmation of enrollment

**\* DAAD-Rates for Students and Doctoral Students**

	Travel costs	Monthly scholarship (Doctoral students)
<b>Peking University</b>	€ 850	€ 1675
<b>Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b>	€ 400	€ 1750
<b>University of British Columbia</b>	€ 1300	€ 1625
<b>St. Petersburg State University</b>	€ 275	€ 1525

Please note that doctoral students who are employed by Freie Universität Berlin have to take a leave of absence for their research stay abroad. Please contact us prior to your application, if you have any questions on this.

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