

## **2018 Call for Proposals Researcher Mobility Fund**

**Freie Universität Berlin (FUB), Germany  
and  
The University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley), United States**

As part of the Strategic Partnership between Freie Universität Berlin and the University of California, Berkeley, this funding scheme seeks to support the mobility of FUB and UC Berkeley faculty and researchers in order to identify complementary strengths, leverage synergies and promote the development of outstanding future research projects and other academic opportunities.

Suggested use of the funding may include the following:

- Short-term research stays (for both early career and established researchers)  
or
- Research-oriented teaching opportunities (e.g. short intensive seminars)

### **Funding**

In 2018, this funding scheme has a budget of € 30,000 and will fund approximately four or five projects, each with a maximum funding of € 7,500. Projects, e.g. a short-term research stay, can be realized either at FUB or at UC Berkeley; the total project cost will be covered by FUB.

Researchers from UC Berkeley will be reimbursed by FUB directly. If selected for participation, UC Berkeley PIs should consult with FUB for instructions on how to make travel arrangements prior to making any reservations or incurring any costs. Faculty members will not be reimbursed by UC Berkeley or FUB for any costs incurred without prior approval.

### **Project Proposals**

Faculty and academic staff at FUB and UC Berkeley wishing to apply for funding should do so by submitting a joint project proposal that must contain:

- A clearly articulated 2 to 4 page description of the project with a list of involved faculty and academic staff from both FUB and UC Berkeley, including their roles and experience in relation to the research topic. It should include the motivation for the collaboration, synergies expected and short- and long-term objectives with anticipated outcomes, including, if appropriate, how future funds may be raised, such as joint grant applications to external funding agencies, foundations, etc.;
- A detailed budget for the project, listing all expected expenditures;
- A work plan outlining processes and an estimate of the timeline for the project;
- A description of any third party participant such as a non-university research institute. Third party participants are welcome, however, any such third party will not have access to these funds and must contribute separate funding to the initiative;
- A letter of support from both applicants' Faculty or Department (i.e. Dean's office);

- If possible, consider including a teaching component, such as a lecture, short seminar, or workshop open to students at the hosting university.

Joint proposals must be submitted to the contact below – by the faculty or academic staff member involved at FUB. The Project Leaders should hold a tenure-track/permanent position at UC Berkeley and FUB.

Eligible expense budget items include:

- travel costs (economy class airfare only)
- hotel costs
- per diems (only for FUB faculty and academic staff visiting UC Berkeley)
- hosting (meeting rooms, food and beverage, etc.)

Project implementation must begin within 6 months of acceptance by the committee.

### **Confidentiality and Intellectual Property**

Participation in this funding opportunity is not expected to necessitate sharing or sending any information that is considered business-confidential. If this expectation changes, participants must notify UC Berkeley and FUB institutional leadership in order to request project-specific assistance on confidentiality and/or intellectual property agreements.

### **Selection Criteria and Deadlines**

Funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a Committee at FUB in close consultation with UC Berkeley. Key criteria that the Committee will be looking for include: well-articulated short- and long-term research benefits for both FUB and UC Berkeley and realistic potential funding sources for follow-on activities. All project proposals that are awarded funding will be requested to provide a brief report on the activities and outcomes of the project within three months of project completion.

**Joint proposals may be submitted by the following date:**

**March 1, 2018**

Unless additional information is required from the applicants, it is anticipated that a yes/no answer will be delivered within 30 days of the deadline. All funding decisions are final and may not be appealed.

Applications must be sent electronically in PDF format to:

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We appreciate your interest in the program. Thank you.