



## 2017 Call for Proposals FUB – UBC Joint Funding Scheme

Freie Universität Berlin (FUB), Germany  
and  
The University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada

FUB and UBC have agreed that as part of their Strategic Partnership Initiative (SPI), both will contribute to a fund for cooperative activities. The funds are intended to enable FUB and UBC faculty and researchers 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, but is not limited to, the following:

- Intensive research and/or academic workshops
- Short-term research stays (for both new and established researchers)
- Research-oriented teaching opportunities (e.g. short intensive seminars)

### Funding

The joint funding scheme has an annual budget of €60,000 and is expected to fund approximately five or six projects per year, each with an approximate maximum funding of €10,000. The total project cost will be split equally between FUB and UBC. (Please note that UBC requires UBC applicants to secure co-funding of up to 15% of the total project cost. UBC applicants should note the co-funding source in the proposal).

### Project Proposals

Faculty and Academic Staff wishing to access funding should do so by submitting a written project proposal which must contain:

- A clearly articulated 2 to 4 page description of the project with a list of the participants from both FUB and UBC, 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 and 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); and
- If possible, consider including a teaching component, such as a lecture, short seminar, or workshop open to students at the hosting university.



Proposals must be submitted to both FUB and UBC to the contacts below and must be jointly submitted by one or more participants from each of FUB and UBC. The Project Leaders should hold a tenure-track/permanent position at UBC and FUB.

Eligible expense budget items include:

- travel costs (economy class airfare only)
- hotel costs and/or per diems
- hosting (meeting rooms, food and beverage, etc.)
- workshop or seminar materials (hand-outs, etc.)

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

**Selection Criteria and Deadlines:**

Seed money funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a Joint FUB-UBC Committee. Key criteria that the Committee will be looking for include: well-articulated short- and long-term research benefits for both FUB and UBC and realistic potential funding sources for follow-on activities. All project proposals which are awarded funding will be requested to provide a brief report on the activities and outcomes of the project.

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

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Unless additional information is required from the applicants, it is anticipated that a yes/no answer will be delivered within 30 days of each deadline. All Joint FUB-UBC Committee 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 programme. Thank you.