

February 2018

2018 Call for Proposals

Freie Universität Berlin and University of Wyoming

Joint Seed Funding Opportunity

Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and the University of Wyoming (UW) have agreed to establish a seed funding opportunity that is designed to develop close collaboration between FUB and UW faculty and researchers to identify complementary strengths, leverage synergy, and promote the development of outstanding future research projects and other academic opportunities.

The funding is intended, among others, for the following:

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

The joint funding scheme has a budget of USD 40,000 (~34,000 EUR). There is no minimum or maximum funding-level requirement for an application. As a guideline, in general projects with 2-4 participants will be funded at the USD 5,000-10,000 level (~4,000-8,000 EUR). Funding for projects with more than 4 participants will be considered at a higher level.

Eligible budget expenses include:

- Travel costs (economy class airfare only)
- Hotel costs
- Per diems
- Hosting (meeting rooms, food and beverage, etc.)
- Workshop or seminar materials (hand-outs, etc.)

Please note:

All eligible expenses MUST occur within 180 days of grant confirmation. UW expenses must occur during the UW 2019 fiscal year, i.e. between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

Submission of Proposals

Faculty and academic staff wishing to access funding should do so by submitting a written project proposal to the contacts mentioned below. The project PIs should hold a tenure-track / permanent position at UW and FUB (academic professional lecturers at UW and junior professors at FUB are eligible to submit applications as PIs).

The proposal MUST contain:

- A clearly articulated 2 – 4 page description of the project; the participants (listing participants from both FUB and UW); the motivation for the collaboration; synergy; the short- and long-term objectives and anticipated outcomes, including - if appropriate - how future funding may be raised for the initiative (such as joint grant applications to external funding agencies, foundations etc.).
- An application must further contain:
 - ➔ A letter of support from the lead applicant's Faculty/Department
 - ➔ A letter of support from the partner party's Faculty/Department
 - ➔ A detailed budget describing all costs and sources of funding (with dollar amounts and sources specified, including any matching funds to be utilized)
 - ➔ A detailed time-line
- Third party participation (i.e. from non-university research institutes) is welcome and encouraged; however, any such third party must bring matching funding to the initiative.
- Grant award winners must complete and send a report to FUB and UW within a month after completing their project. The report should document all activities planned under the original proposal, whether or not they have taken place, their level of success, and a description of future steps to be taken.

Please note: Applications should, to the degree possible, include an outreach/teaching component, such as a lecture, compact seminar, or workshop open to students and community at the hosting university.

Joint proposals should be submitted by:

April 3, 2018.

Please note:

While certain decisions may require additional information from the applicants, it is anticipated that a yes/no answer will be delivered to the applicants in 30 days or less from this deadline.

Applications must be sent electronically (in one pdf document) to:

At FUB:

Philip Miessner
Center for International Cooperation
t: +49 30 838 73942, email: philip.miessner@fu-berlin.de

At UW:

Carrie Hesco
Global Engagement Office
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Selection Criteria

Seed money funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a Joint FUB-UW Committee. All Joint FUB-UW Committee decisions are final and may not be appealed.

Key criteria for selection will be:

- well articulated short- and long-term collective benefit to both FUB and UW;
- realistic future funding models, where applicable;
- benefit to current and future students at the two universities.

Contacts

At FUB:

Philip Miessner
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At UW:

For faculty interested in establishing new collaborations:

Professor Jean A. Garrison
Center for Global Studies
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For questions related to the seed funding opportunity:

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