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University Alliance for Sustainability

Call for applications for research and study stays 2016 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.

The University Alliance for Sustainability will use the partners' complementary strengths to develop joint research and teaching projects, offer exchange options for faculty, staff, and students, and foster inter-institutional learning with regards to management issues. Funding will also be available for research stays for researchers, summer schools for PhD students, conferences on the topic of "Green Campus" for management personnel, and several study and internship abroad options.

For 2016, the University Alliance for Sustainability will offer the following exchange schemes for study and research stays at the four partner universities **under the thematic framework of "Governance for Sustainable Development"**¹. Please note that the exchanges under the current call have to be completed in 2016. A separate call for the following years will be issued in November each year.

The four partners will also release a call for applications for study and research stays at Freie Universität Berlin. If you would like to invite someone from the partner universities for activities 2 - 4, please direct them to the call at their respective university for possible funding.

¹ Other thematic foci are also welcome. Please describe the relevance of the topic in the framework of the UAS project in your letter of motivation.

Funding lines:

1) Explorative Research Visits (Preparation of research projects)

Eligibility:	FUB researchers on the postdoc level and up
Duration:	max. 1 week at the partner university
Funding:	travel costs according to BRKG ² . Accommodation costs are expected to be covered by the host university.
Objectives:	discussion about and development of possible new research projects in the field of „Governance for Sustainable Development“
Quantity:	2 researchers per partner university

2) 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 an already existing project on the topic of Governance for Sustainable Development
Quantity:	2 researchers for UBC and HUJI, 1 researcher for PKU und SPBU

3) 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 Governance for Sustainable Development
Quantity:	2 doctoral students for each partner university

4) Administrators Stay (Exchange Options for Campus Management Staff)

Eligibility:	FUB administrators working in sustainability-related fields
Duration:	max. 1 week at the partner university
Funding:	travel costs according to BRKG. Accommodation costs are expected to be covered by the host university.
Objectives:	Exchange about best practices with colleagues and respective departments at the host university
Quantity:	2 administrators per partner university

5) Student Research and Study Stays

Eligibility:	FUB students from all academic disciplines
Duration:	max. 3 months at the partner university
Funding:	travel costs and monthly scholarship according to DAAD list*

² Federal Travelling Expenses Act

Objectives:	study, research, or internship stays in the field of sustainability at the partner university
Quantity:	3 students for UBC and HUJI, 2 students for PKU and SPbU

6) Sustainability Volunteer Swap (Exchange Option for Student Initiatives)

Eligibility:	members of FUB student initiatives dealing with the topic of sustainability
Duration:	max. 9 days at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Funding:	travel costs and daily allowance
Objectives:	exchange with student initiatives at the Hebrew University
Quantity:	5 members from student initiatives at Freie Universität Berlin

Application Details

The application deadline is **January 18, 2016**.

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 with a focus on Governance for Sustainable Development
- 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

Students, 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
- invitation by the partner university where available, or proof of contact to the partner institution
- for actions 1-4: written endorsement statement of respective faculty/department

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

	Travel costs	Monthly scholarship (Bachelor's/ Master's students)	Monthly scholarship (Doctoral students)
Peking University	€ 725	€ 800	€ 1125
Hebrew University of Jerusalem	€ 500	€ 875	€ 1250
University of British Columbia	€ 1300	€ 775	€ 1150
St. Petersburg State University	€ 275	€ 900	€ 1325

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 about this.

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