

September 2018

Call for Proposals 2018-19
King's College London – Freie Universität Berlin
Joint Research Workshops

With the goal of facilitating cutting-edge research cooperation, King's College London and Freie Universität Berlin have established a joint seed funding scheme to support annual joint research workshops.

King's-FUB joint research workshops allow researchers to identify complementary research strengths and facilitate the use of synergies in future research projects. The workshops should have a clearly defined research focus and serve as a catalyst for the development of new research projects. The workshop format and duration is not pre-defined. The workshops can be held in Berlin or in London; participants should include both senior and junior researchers. Researchers can participate in more than one workshop provided that the workshops are not submitted in the same cycle.

The scientific motivation for holding the workshop should be clearly explained, including how the involved FUB and King's institutes or departments can profit long term from this cooperation and what synergies will arise. Inclusion of researchers from the Berlin Medical School Charité, Francis Crick Institute as well as from non-university research institutions such as Max Planck Institutes, Helmholtz Centers, Leibniz Institutes, Thomas Young Centre and others, is encouraged; however, the additional costs must be covered by these partners themselves. The call is not limited to a specific academic field, the workshops can be either focused on one discipline or be of interdisciplinary character.

Submission of proposals

Proposals can be submitted by permanent/tenured professors of Freie Universität Berlin and tenured or tenure-track faculty members at King's College London. It is required that the workshop proposals involve several FUB and King's faculty, both senior and junior researchers (PhD students or Post Docs). Total workshop costs shall not exceed € 5.000 (including travel), of which FUB and King's will cover 50% each under this call.

Selection criteria

Funding for joint research workshops is provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint King's-FUB committee, giving particular attention to the following criteria:

- Clearly formulated goals of the workshop
- Information on envisaged synergies between the PIs/research units

- Level of concreteness of future joint research, incl. timeframe and information on funding programs and steps for developing a joint proposal
- Compatibility with the FUB/King's research profiles (interdisciplinary nature, excellence of project leaders, scope of the different fields/labs represented in the proposed workshop)

Submission and deadlines

Proposals for FUB-King's joint research workshops must be submitted in English. The main proposal should not exceed 4 pages, with the following information attached:

- Timeframe/Date for the workshop (please note that all workshops have to be held by end September 2019)
- Budget calculation
- Written endorsement statement of respective FUB/King's faculty/department
- Information on project leaders on both sides and list of other FUB/King's participants

Joint proposals should be submitted by the following date:

November 18, 2018

Researchers should submit their joint proposal simultaneously in Berlin and in London. Proposals should be sent electronically to the following addresses:

At Freie Universität Berlin:

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