Call for Proposals 2018

Tel Aviv University – Goethe Universität Frankfurt

Joint Research Workshops

With the goal of facilitating research cooperation, Goethe Universität Frankfurt and Tel Aviv University have established a joint funding scheme to support travel and accommodation for joint research workshops.

GU-TAU joint research workshops allow researchers to identify complimentary research strengths and facilitate the use of synergies in future research projects. The workshops have to have a clearly defined research focus and serve as a catalyst for the development of new research projects. Preference will be given to applications which lead to joint proposals for external grants, e.g. Horizon 2020. The workshop format is not pre-defined but the duration is limited to a maximum of 3 days.

The workshops can be held in Tel Aviv or in Frankfurt. They have to take place until the end of 2018.

Scholars of any career stage, from junior to senior, are eligible to apply (PhD holders; in the case of Tel Aviv University a tenured position is a prerequisite). The participation of at least one early-career scholar (Master or PhD students or Post Docs) at each workshop is mandatory.

The number of participants whose travel from Frankfurt to Tel Aviv (or vice versa) will be covered by this agreement is limited to 5 (up to 4 lecturers, professors or PhD students and up to 1 Master student).

The scientific motivation for holding the workshop should be clearly explained, including how the involved GU and TAU institutes or departments will profit long term from this cooperation and what synergies will arise. The call is not limited to a specific academic field, the workshops can be either focused on one discipline or be of interdisciplinary character.

Proposals can be submitted by faculty members of Goethe Universität Frankfurt and Tel Aviv University. It is required that the workshop proposals involve several GU and TAU faculty. The travel cost has to be covered by the sending institution, the accommodation will be provided by the receiving institution.
Selection criteria

Support for joint research workshops is provided on a competitive basis.

Projects will be selected by a joint GU-TAU committee, giving particular attention to the following criteria:

- Clearly formulated goals of the workshop
- Information on envisaged synergies
- Level of concreteness of future joint research, incl. timeframe and information on funding programs and steps for developing a joint proposal for grants with third party funding. As DAAD funding for the program Strategic Partnerships will come to an end in December 2018, alternative funding for future activities becomes an urgent matter.

Submission and deadlines

Proposals for GU-TAU research workshops should be submitted in English. They should not exceed 4 pages and have the following information attached:

- Timeframe for the workshop and budget calculation
- Statement of support by the respective GU/TAU institute/department
- Information on project leaders on both sides and list of other GU/TAU participants

In 2018, joint proposals can be submitted until:

March 31, 2018

Researchers should submit their Joint Proposal simultaneously in Frankfurt and in Tel Aviv. Proposals should be sent electronically to the following addresses:

At Goethe Universität Frankfurt:

Dr. Mathias Diederich
Tel: +496979815090
Email: m.diederich@em.uni-frankfurt.de

At Tel Aviv University:

Vice President's Office for Research and Development
Sharon Paz
Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv
Tel: 972-3 6408475
Email: sharonp4@post.tau.ac.il
For further information please contact the above listed staff.

Reporting

Within two weeks of workshop taking place, organizers are requested to submit a one page report on the workshop to sharonp4@post.tau.ac.il and m.diederich@em.uni-frankfurt.de according the following headings:

- Title of the workshop and reference number.
- Summary of discussions
- Summary of agreed outcomes, including lead person for each action
- Photos of the day (embedded within the report)

Within 6 months of workshop taking place, organizers are requested to submit a one page report to using the following headings:

- Title of the workshop and reference number.
- Delivered actions from the agreed outcomes
- Information on research proposals submitted or about to be submitted (within three months)

For your information see the evaluation sheet used for the application proposals on the following page
## Key points for review (answer: “yes” or “no”):

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## SCORE (Please indicate the score you would give to this proposal)

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## General comments: Please provide a few short sentences on the strengths and/or any areas of concern