PROFILE PARTNERSHIP
CALL FOR JOINT PROJECTS 2018

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin – National University of Singapore Call for Joint Projects aims at fostering new collaborative initiatives in research, preferably inter-disciplinary, between Germany and Singapore. This call builds on the diversity of its partners to promote durable cooperation across disciplines.

ELIGIBILITY

The Call for Joint Projects is open to any full-time Humboldt-Universität or NUS faculty member, in all disciplines. Projects must be presented jointly by at least one faculty member from HU and one faculty member from NUS and should include a balanced representation of scholars from both institutions. Each project will be funded with a maximum of €30,000 for a maximum a period of one year.

Additionally, graduate student exchanges with a minimum duration of one month which take place within the project can be funded with a maximum of €5,000.

PROPOSALS MAY INCLUDE

- Thematic workshops with graduate students, researchers, staff and faculty members from both institutions
- Joint conferences and seminars
- Travel allowances for Humboldt-Universität faculty wishing to spend significant time at NUS, or vice versa, as part of a research project

Preference will be given to proposals that will build sustainable links between HU and NUS. Both universities welcome proposals from all full-time faculty members. They encourage especially young researchers to participate in the call.
REVIEW PROCESS

Applications are assessed by a Joint Governance Committee.

The evaluation will take into account the academic quality of the project, added value of the German and Singaporean partnership, appropriateness of the budget, the quality of the team, inclusion of junior researchers and graduate students, feasibility of the plan, its contribution to the broader research interests of Humboldt-Universität and NUS, the potential for further collaboration and plans to obtain external funding beyond the term of the grant.

REQUIREMENTS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Project timeline. All expenses and activities should be incurred within one year from the date of the first expenses, latest by December 2019.
- Progress reports. Recipients must report briefly every six months on the activities to which the grant is being applied and on any progress toward obtaining external support for the project.
- Acknowledgement. Recipients are expected to acknowledge the support of the Joint Projects Grant in any publications or presentations, which should be listed in the progress reports.
- Payment of the grant. The payment and post-award financial management will be administered through the existing practice at the lead PI’s institution, i.e. German recipients follow Humboldt-Universität procedures and Singapore ones follow NUS process.

CONTACT & INFORMATION

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APPLICATION SUBMISSION

To apply, please submit your application in PDF format (one file) to:

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by 31 March, 2018.
PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- A completed NUS-HU Grant Application form, including
  - Project title
  - Contact details of both lead applicants.
  - Abstract — outlines the joint project in a one-paragraph abstract suitable for public reports, publicity materials, and institutions' websites.
  - Detailed budget — details the budget of the research project with amounts specified by categories (travel, living allowance at the partner institute, event hosting, research consumables, other).
  - Provisional timeline

The form is available from https://www.international.hu-berlin.de/en/international-profile/partnerships/profipartnerschaften/NUS

- Narrative (five pages maximum) — describes the research question, theoretical foundations, existing literature, empirical and methodological considerations, the need and value of German-Singapore collaboration in the field, potential of the project for future endeavours between the two institutions, and the possibility of external funding.

- Letter of the relevant dean(s) from HU, stating that the dean endorses the application and agrees to provide the necessary facilities and administrative support.

- In case a graduate student exchange is planned: narrative (one page maximum) which describes the objective of the planned stay, the added value of the exchange for the project, and how the exchange enhances the graduate student’s future qualification.

- Curriculum vitae (two pages) for each of the principal investigators.

Please note that budgets should be designed to split the total costs between NUS and HU approximately 50% – 50%: the sending institution funds flights and living allowance, the receiving institution funds event hosting and research consumables. Accommodation costs can be funded by sending and receiving institution, as requested by applicants.