# Berlin University Alliance Grand Challenge Initiative *Responsible Innovation in Times of Transformation*

# Project Proposal

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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| **Project title** |  |
| **Project title acronym** |  |
| **Contact person** | |
| **Name** |  |
| **Email address** |  |

## **Applicants** (please complete for each applicant)

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| **Title** |  |
| **First name** |  |
| **Surname** |  |
| **Gender (m/f/d)** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Institution or organization** |  |
| **Faculty / Department & Institute** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Duration of current employment contract** |  |

## **Short CV** (Please provide a short CV for each applicant using the short CV template, which you can find in the download section)**.**

## **Project details**

General information:

Please follow the guidelines below for maximum text length using Calibri font type, font size 11, line spacing 1.15.

1. **Abstract** *(max. 0.5 page)*
2. **Keywords**

*Please provide 5 major keywords related to your project.*

1. **Research Gap**

*Description of thematic, conceptual, theoretical or methodological research gap addressed by the project**(max. 1 page).*

1. **Project Objectives**

*Presentation of the proposed project's objectives concerning Responsible Innovation in Times of Transformation (max. 1 page).*

* + *Please explain both the scientific questions and the societal challenges for which you want to find answers or solutions in the project.*

1. **Grand Challenges Criteria**

*Convincing presentation of the contribution of your project to the three criteria of BUA Grand Challenges (See definition below; max. 0.5 page).*

*Societal Relevance:  
A grand challenge is a complex global challenge of high current and future scientific and societal relevance, for the solution of which innovative inter- and transdisciplinary approaches are required.*

*Science Excellence:  
A research field that addresses a grand challenge equally addresses an epistemic interest and is compatible with excellent, international research.*

*Berlin Expertise:  
A grand challenge can harness the special competencies or particular potentials of the scientific stakeholders in Berlin, as well as of those stakeholders not affiliated with academia.*

1. **Transdisciplinary Approach**

*Presentation of the transdisciplinary approaches to be pursued (max. 1 page).*

* + *Please describe which scientific and non-scientific actor(s) you involve in the process and why exactly these actors are relevant for the proposed project.*
  + *Please describe how you will ensure the integration of scientific and non-scientific actors in the research process, in particular with regard to the joint problem definition, conception and implementation of the project.*

1. **Work Packages and Timeline**

*Presentation of the planned procedure, including schedule and work packages (max. 3 pages).*

1. **Planned Deliverables (Output)**

*Provide details of planned project deliverables/outputs and explain possible ways of sustaining your research results (e.g. publications, data sets, policy papers, events or other formats) including provisions for open access in accordance with the* [*Berlin University Alliance Open Science Strategy*](https://www.berlin-university-alliance.de/en/commitments/research-quality/open-science/index.html#understanding) *(max. 0.5 page).*

1. **Follow-up Financing**

*Present a plan towards a follow-up application aiming at third-party funding for the period beyond October 2026 (max. 0.5 page).*

1. **Risk Assessment and Quality Assurance**

*List possible difficulties that may arise during the course of the project and offer appropriate solutions. Describe how you will support and monitor the progress of the project and how you will ensure the release of high-quality results (max. 0.5 page).*

1. **Measures to support Diversity, Equality and Inclusion**

*Where applicable, please describe whether and to what extent diversity in terms of, for example, the state of health, ethnic background or culture of researchers, persons under study, individuals affected by the implementation of research results, or diversity in other respects, may be significant for the research project (methods, work programme, objectives, etc.) (max. 0.5 page).*

1. **Relevance of Sex and Gender**

*Where applicable, please describe whether and to what extent the sex and/or gender (of researchers, of persons under study, of individuals affected by the implementation of research results, of animals under study, with regard to samples taken from humans or animals, in other respects) is relevant to the research project (methods, work programme, objectives, etc.). For further details, see the* [*DFG-Checklist*](https://www.dfg.de/download/pdf/foerderung/grundlagen_dfg_foerderung/vielfaeltigkeitsdimensionen/checkliste_en.pdf) *(max. 0.5 page).*

## **Index of cited literature**

## **Cost projection** including an explanation and justification of costs and, if applicable, details of cofinancing by the participating institutions or third-party funding (for your cost projection: please use the budget table template, which you can find in the download section)

## **List of cooperation partners**

## **Statement provided by the relevant dean’s office** or equivalent institute concerning basic equipment (rooms etc.)