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BUA Flexible Funding 2027: Collaboration with the National University of Singapore (NUS)

The Berlin University Alliance aims at fostering international research collaboration with renowned international universities fostering academic excellence, and engaging in dialogue with institutions worldwide.

To promote research collaboration with its strategic partner BUA is offering flexible funds for joint research activities with the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2027.

In order to expand the circle of researchers involved and to initiate new collaboration formats, BUA is offering flexible funds for activities with partners at the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2027. This funding scheme intends to stimulate contacts between researchers and to give an opportunity to explore potential joint projects or to deepen already existing cooperation with potential of high impact/visibility for BUA.

Funding and Eligible Costs

Maximum funding for a project is set at EUR 7,500. We invite proposals for collaborative projects encompassing diverse formats, such as the preparation of joint publications, organization of workshops and/or exhibitions, and beyond. Please note that funding is not available for conference attendance as a stand-alone activity.

Travel and accommodation costs are to be calculated in accordance with the Federal Travel Expenses Act (Bundesreisekostengesetz). The approved funds are designated as budgetary funds (“Haushaltsmittel”) and are exclusively earmarked for material costs (i.e. not staffing costs).

The grants support activities to be conducted in 2027, with a special emphasis on proposals demonstrating potential for lasting impact and heightened visibility for the Berlin University Alliance and its strategic partnership.

Eligibility Criteria

Tandems consisting of one professor or postdoctoral researcher (with an employment contract of at least 2 years at the time of application) from both the Berlin University Alliance institutions (Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, and Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin) and the National University of Singapore are eligible to apply. Applications must be submitted jointly by partners from both universities and include CVs of the tandem partners (no longer than two pages each). Individuals or projects currently funded by the BUA-NUS research partnerships will only be considered if the proposed activity is an additional facet of the existing partnership.

Timeline and Application Process

Please use the online application form provided to describe your project, addressing the aspects such as project description, joint activities, and the pursued goal.

Applications for this call are accepted no later than 22 January 2027.

Please submit the online application form and send the CVs to Susanne Beer (International Department / Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) to apply for the grant. A decision can be expected at the end of March 2027.

Upon completion of the selection procedure, allocated grant funds will be disbursed to the relevant faculty or department overseeing the project. A valid cost center at one of the affiliated institutions is mandatory for fund transfer. The earliest project activities can start is 01 April 2027. All activities must be completed and funds used by the end of November 2027, with the exception of TU researchers, who must hand in their travel expense reports before 30 September 2027.

Selection Committee and Procedure

The selection committee, comprising individuals from CCT8, evaluates proposals based on specified criteria:

Range of Initiatives and Disciplines:

Proposals will be assessed based on their capacity to broaden the disciplinary spectrum, with the goal of nurturing initiatives from diverse academic fields, faculties, and the added value of collaboration between Berlin and Singapore.

Encouraging new Collaborations:

Existing and new projects are eligible, with preference for new initiatives in the case of similar quality applications. Particular consideration will be given to the potential for attracting third party funding.

Sustainability of the Initiative:

The sustainability of proposed initiatives will be assessed, with preference given to projects that demonstrate a clear plan for continuation beyond the funding period.

Diversity and Inclusion:

We value diversity and inclusion in all aspects of collaboration. Proposals that incorporate diverse perspectives, promote gender equality, and support underrepresented groups will be highly regarded.

After reviewing the application, you will receive feedback from us via email with further information about the allocation of the funds. Upon completion of cooperation activities, a brief report is required, facilitated through a provided form.

Contact Details

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Susanne Beer (Head of Unit International and European Science Cooperation): susanne.beer@hu-berlin.de.