Call for Proposals

Seed Funding for Cooperation with the Global South 2019

Dear Professors and scientific staff,

The Technische Universität Berlin launches its first call for applications for seed funding for cooperation with partners in the Global South. In line with the overall vision of the Technische Universität Berlin and taking into account its responsibility for sustainable and excellent research and innovation, the seed funding call seeks to attract and support researchers at the TU Berlin in initiating and further strengthening new and/or existing research projects and collaboration with partners in the Global South responding to global challenges.

With regards to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations, the Technische Universität Berlin would like to encourage and support research initiatives of TU-researchers that respond to the urgent need of sustainability and international transdisciplinary collaboration. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the international community (SDGs) outline several global challenges, such as clean energy, climate change, industry and innovation, responsible consumption, resource management, and many more which correspond to the expertise of researchers at the TU Berlin. Seed funding is available for TU-researchers who plan to initiate projects in these areas and who wish to develop a project proposal, in special regard to the SDGs and countries of the Global South.

Applications will be examined and selected by an academic commission, headed by Prof. Dr. Angela Ittel, Vice President for Strategic Development, Junior Scholars, and Teacher Education at TU Berlin.

We are looking forward to receiving your applications.
Objective
Encourage the initiation of new collaborative projects with the Global South and with a focus on sustainability. The seed funding promotes and encourages transdisciplinary research on global challenges and sustainable solutions, as well as networking and exchange between researchers of TU Berlin and partners from the Global South (Higher Education Institutions, research centers, NGOs or public institutions; companies can be included as associate partners).
The activities funded by TU Berlin should aim at the preparation of one or several proposals for third party funding. We particularly welcome proposals that involve junior researchers.

What can be funded?
- Short research visits to partners and/or field
- Short research visits of partners to TU Berlin, who are involved in the preparation of the project proposal
- Research and preparatory workshops for the elaboration of the research project and proposal

The applicant must indicate, how the activity for which she/he applies, will result in a project proposal for a third-party funding application.

Eligible costs
Per applicant, a maximum of 10.000 EUR will be funded. The total pool of funding available under this call is 20.000 EUR.
The applicant’s budget shall be calculated according to the Federal Travelling Expenses Act (Bundesreisekostengesetz).
Staff costs are not eligible.

Who can apply?
Researchers of TU Berlin aiming to apply for a third-party-funded project and who want to initiate a research project with the Global South with special regards to sustainability and subjects related to the SDGs.
The proposal must be submitted by a TU Berlin Chair. Projects involving junior researchers are particularly welcome.
Candidates who are selected for the seed funding are expected to use the funding for the preparation of a project proposal to be submitted to a third-party funding.

What’s the time frame?
Call for application opens: April 2019
Timeframe for application: April until May 2019
Application deadline: 12th May 2019
Notification: Candidates will be notified in the beginning of June 2019
Funding and Implementing Period: July 2019 –December 2019
Selection Criteria
- Proposal for academic cooperation with one or several partners in the Global South (reference: OECD DAC-list of ODA recipients). Depending on the project proposal, partners can be Higher Education Institutions, research centers, NGOs or public institutions. Companies can be included as associate partners, however, travel expenses from company staff are not eligible for funding. The partners’ interest in the collaboration should be demonstrated by means of a letter of support.
- Proposal responding to one of the Sustainable Development Goals
- Proposal for third party funding as final goal
- Academic excellency
- Proposals involving young researchers are particularly welcome

Application Documents
- Application form, duly completed and signed by the applicant (TU Berlin Chair)
- Letter of support from partner institution in the Global South

Evaluation Process
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Please send your application until 12th May 2019 to:

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For further questions, do not hesitate to contact the Department of International Affairs.

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