August-Wilhelm Scheer Visiting Professorship
(Funded by Excellence Initiative)

Call for Proposals

Background and Objectives

The August-Wilhelm Scheer Visiting Professorship enriches the vibrant research culture at TUM by awarding a Visiting Professorship to scientists with an outstanding international reputation who wish to engage in intensive collaboration with TUM researchers. As its main objective within the framework of TUM’s strategy to diversify and internationalize the curricula the August-Wilhelm Scheer Program facilitates new and innovative approaches in cutting-edge research fields. Complementary research-oriented teaching is an additional important element of the program.

Eligibility

Exclusively TUM professors are entitled to submit proposals. Self-nominations are not possible.

Please note: eligible period ends on 30 November 2018!

Supported Activities

Applications for funding can include the following:

- Joint research projects (new and ongoing).
- Preparation of research proposals and future research collaborations.
- Research-orientated teaching in English. Fundamental teaching/courses are not eligible under this program.

Financial Support

Short-term stay of one week to three months:

- Travel expenses to/from TUM and accommodation expenses. Please Note: Per diem/lunch allowances/entertainment expenses are generally not reimbursable.
- Travel during stay at TUM (public transportation in Munich, attendance of conferences/meetings if directly related to stay at TUM).
- Research-oriented teaching assignments.
  Please note: teaching can only be funded, if the respective department issues a teaching assignment. The department may set the level of remuneration. Due to the program’s significance, a remuneration of a maximum amount of 55,- € per lecture hour is possible. A reference to the August-Wilhelm Scheer program is sufficient regarding accounting purposes for teaching assignments.
  In exceptional cases justified by the internationally outstanding reputation of the visiting professor an award may be granted. In this case, no other costs will be reimbursed separately. The reasons for an award must be elaborated in detail.

Long-term stay of at least three months to two semesters:

- A contract of employment according to salary levels W2 respectively W3 is eligible within this option In this case, only travel costs to and from TUM will be reimbursed, additionally.
- In case no TUM contract is issued, the same regulations apply as for short-term stays regarding travel, accommodation, teaching assignments and award.
Please submit your proposals via email to Mr. Dominik Beisser (beisser@zv.tum.de) by 23 October 2017. Successful nominations will be selected by TUM Board of Management in consultation with a reviewing expert panel on the basis of the following criteria:

- Goals of the cooperation and state-of-the-art level of research project.
- Reputation of the nominated visiting professor and quality of existing cooperation (if applicable).
- Alignment with internationalization goals of the TUM department, institute, integrative research center, etc.
- Added value for TUM students and young researchers/scientists (research-oriented teaching, if applicable).
- Sustainability of proposed activities.

Applicants will be informed about the outcome of their application at the beginning of December 2017.

Please submit the following documents (email only):

- Application form including:
  - Goals, description and sustainability/added value of proposed cooperation/activities.
  - Type of stay (short-term research stay with no TUM contract; research stay with TUM contract; stay with research and teaching components in the framework of a teaching assignment).
  - Calculation of foreseen costs (the use of the funds must be directly attributable to the visiting professor. Expenditure on material as well as additional support or research staff are not eligible).
  - Period of stay.
- CV and list of at least five key publications of the candidate most relevant to the proposed activities.

Please note: the application form needs to be counter signed by the dean of the respective TUM department.

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