Combining leadership-driven initiatives and bottom-up engagement the TUM Global Incentive Fund seeks to deepen TUM’s relationships with institutions in countries with a (1) TUM liaison office, (2) Imperial College London and (3) Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Ghana.

The TUM Global Incentive Fund’s objectives are:

1. **TUM Liaison Offices**
   - Development of new and the expansion of existing research / teaching cooperation projects with universities / research institutes in one of the non-European TUM liaison office countries.
   - Intensifying engagement of TUM researchers with TUM’s institutional offshore infrastructure. Joint activities with the respective TUM liaison offices are mandatory.

2. **Imperial College London**
   - Intensifying and expanding joint research and teaching cooperation projects with priority to the following areas: computer science and informatics, medicine and medical sciences, bioengineering, molecular sciences, life sciences, physics, energy and new materials, and mechanical and aerospace engineering.
   - Exploring opportunities of increasing research and student exchanges.

3. **KNUST**
   - Development of innovative collaborations in teaching, research and entrepreneurship.
   - Exploring joint activities focusing on an interdisciplinary and participatory approach for innovating impact-oriented solutions for sustainable development in Ghana comprising the clusters: Water-Food-Energy; Land-Construction-Mobility-Environment, Global Health & Governance.

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**Eligible activities**

- Meetings / visits in preparation of joint projects (e.g. preparation of a joint application for third-party funding).
- Set up of new networks to promote the exchange of ideas, best practice, and other research goals.
- Networking events such as international workshops and seminars to bring together researchers to strengthen existing collaborations and foster new links.
- Development of joint research-oriented courses at postgraduate level (including MOOCs).
- ‘Hackathon’ or other collaborative day or week-long events involving staff and students from both institutions to explore new research directions and ideas.
Financial support & funding period

- **Up to €15,000 per project**, comprising:
  - Travel grants for researchers initiating or intensifying new cooperation projects. Please note: subsistence is only eligible for TUM-employees
  - Accommodation
  - Workshop consumables (stationary, workshop material, etc.)
  - Workshop catering
  - Salary for TUM-contracted research assistance & student assistance
  - Honorarium for keynotes / public lectures

- **Funding period:** April 1st – September 30th, 2019 (possible prolongation until April 30th, 2020)

Application documents

Please submit the following documents *(email only)*:

- Application form, including confirmation of project application by dean / director of institute at TUM.
- Time schedule.
- Detailed budget (including contribution of cooperation partner(s), co-funding).
- Statement of commitment by cooperation partner(s).

Eligibility & deadline

- All TUM professors and TUM junior fellows are welcome to submit applications.
- Please submit your application exclusively in English and via e-mail to Dominik Beisser *(beisser@zv.tum.de)* by **February 22nd, 2019**.

Accessing funding & reporting

- Please note: the granted maximum budget is not a lump sum. The funds will only be transferred on a reimbursement basis (to TUM chair or individual project members).
- Project billing must be completed by September 30th, 2019.
- Final report is due four weeks after the end of project, but no later than November 30th, 2019.

Review of application & selection criteria

- Successful applications will be selected by an academic committee in consultation with university leadership on the basis of the following criteria:
  - In case of cooperation projects with universities / research institutions in TUM liaison offices countries:
    - Integration of the regional TUM Liaison Offices into project activities (mandatory).
  - In case of cooperation as part of initiatives with the Imperial College or KNUST:
    - Potential for developing and strengthening bi- or multilateral activities and added value for the initiative.
  - Goals and feasibility of project.
  - Reputation of the cooperation partners; quality of existing cooperation (if applicable).
International Center

- Complementarity of cooperation partners and added value for TUM.
- Contribution of project partner(s) (e.g. co-funding/in-kind).
- Added value for TUM students and young researchers / scientists.
- Sustainability of proposed activities; action points for extension of cooperation; potential identification of follow-up funding.
- Interdisciplinary aspects of proposed project / activity.
- Agreement with internationalization goals of department, institute, integrative research center etc.

Applicants will be informed at the end of March 2019 about the success of their application.

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