TUM Global Incentive Fund 2020 - Call for Proposals

Deadline: April 3rd, 2020

Funding period: June 1st, 2020 – May 31st, 2021
Financial support: up to 15,000.00 € per project

As part of its global engagement, TUM established liaison offices overseas in countries of high strategic importance, acting as information hubs and gateways to the regional higher education markets. With regard to TUM’s effort to strengthen its ties with one of the world’s leading university and substantiate its commitment with African partners, TUM seeks to deepen its relationships with Imperial College London (UK) and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Ghana.

Goals

- **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.

- **Imperial College London - Flagship Initiative**
  - 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.

- **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.

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 15,000.00 € 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

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### Application documents

- 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 the application documents via the following link: [https://tum.moveon4.de/form/5cc7f79658753107508b4567/eng](https://tum.moveon4.de/form/5cc7f79658753107508b4567/eng) by April 3rd, 2020.

### 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 May 31st, 2021.
- Final report is due on June 30th, 2021.

### 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:
  - **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 the project.
- Reputation of the cooperation partners; quality of existing cooperation (if applicable).
- 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 May 2020 about the success of their application.

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