

TUM Global Incentive Fund - First Call for Proposals 2025

Deadline: February 28th, 2025

Funding period: May 31st, 2025 – May 31st, 2026

Financial support: up to 10,000.00 € per project

The TUM Global Incentive Fund supports the initiation and strengthening of international partnerships across the globe. To mark the launch of the new TUM Global Incentive Fund Call for Proposals, TUM has strategically allocated its central resources to focus on select partners. In parallel, to address emerging opportunities, a set of strategic initiatives is also outlined, with the potential for these to evolve over time.

→ Link: [TUM Global Incentive Fund](#) (incl. application documents)

Flagship Partner & Networks	Strategic Alliances	Strategic Initiatives
Developing and expanding collaborations with the following selected partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Imperial College London (UK) ▪ University of Queensland (Australia) ▪ Tsinghua University (China) ▪ Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) ▪ EuroTech Universities Alliance ▪ EuroTeQ Engineering University 	Developing and expanding collaborations with the following selected partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) (Ghana) ▪ Politecnico di Milano (Italy) ▪ Universidade Estadual Paulista (Brazil) 	Developing and expanding collaborations with the following selected initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Global South Initiative (focus: Brazil, Peru, Ghana, South Africa, Indonesia, India) ▪ Singapore <p>Co-funding for joint research projects with Brazilian partners from the state of São Paulo, through the TUM Global Incentive Fund (TUM application) and the funding agency FAPESP (Brazilian partner application for a SPRINT Call for Proposals).</p>

Eligible activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Meetings / visits in preparation of joint projects (e.g. preparation of a joint application for third-party funding). ■ Development of project specific virtual cooperation formats. ■ 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. ■ Collaborative day or week-long events involving staff and students from both institutions to explore new ideas for cooperation. ■ Development of joint research-oriented courses at postgraduate level (including MOOCs).
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<p>Review of application & selection criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Potential for development of innovative collaborations in teaching, research and/or entrepreneurship. ■ Exploring opportunities of increasing research and student exchanges/ added value for TUM students and young researchers / scientists. ■ Goals and feasibility of project. ■ Reputation of the cooperation partners; quality of existing cooperation (if applicable). ■ Complementarity of cooperation partners. ■ Commitment of partner e.g. co-funding, in-kind, statement of collaboration intent, etc. ■ Quality of already existing cooperation (if applicable). ■ 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. ■ Potential for integration of the regional TUM liaison offices into project activities (if applicable).
<p>Financial support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Travel and accommodation costs for researchers initiating or intensifying new cooperation projects. Please note: subsistence is only eligible for TUM employees. ■ Development costs of project-specific virtual cooperation formats. ■ Workshop costs (stationary, workshop material, rent for room, etc.). Please note: entertainment costs or catering costs cannot be reimbursed. ■ Salary for TUM-contracted research assistance & student assistance. ■ Honorarium for keynotes / public lectures.
<p>Application documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Online application form (no paper format). ■ Statement of commitment by cooperation partner(s).
<p>Eligibility & deadline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ All TUM professors and TUM junior fellows are welcome to submit applications. ■ Please submit the application documents on the online platform by February 28th, 2025.
<p>Accessing funding & reporting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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). ■ Costs incurred in 2025 must in principle be claimed by the end of the financial year (around end of November). ■ Only costs incurred by May 31st, 2026, are eligible for reimbursement, and reimbursement must be requested within the following 6 months. ■ Final report is due on 30.06.2026.
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