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Call for Proposals 2025
Freie Universität Berlin – Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Joint Seed Funding Research

With the goal of facilitating research cooperation in the framework of a strategic partnership, Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI) have established a joint seed funding scheme, to enable FUB and HUJI faculty and researchers to identify complementary strengths, facilitate the use of synergies, and promote the development of outstanding future research projects.

Academic Fields: The 2025 call is open to collaboration of HUJI and FUB scientists in all fields. Applications can be either focused on one discipline or be of interdisciplinary nature.

Funding: The joint funding scheme aims at supporting the first steps of research collaboration (typically 5.000 - 10.000 Euro per proposal).

Eligibility: Applications have to be **submitted jointly** by tenured or tenure track faculty at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and (Junior) Professors, Research Group Leaders or permanent research staff at Freie Universität Berlin. Previous grant recipients are not encouraged to apply.

Type of Activity: The following formats are possible:

- Intensive research workshops
- Short term research stays (for junior as well as established researchers)
- Short intensive graduate seminars
- Mobility for the preparation of joint research proposals
- Joint doctoral supervision / mobility
- Preparation of joint publications

Location: Please note that joint events in Jerusalem and visits to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem by FUB staff are **currently not possible** due to the active travel warning of the German Foreign Ministry. We therefore recommend that joint events take place in Berlin as long as the travel warning is in place.

Participants: Participants should ideally include both senior and junior faculty / researchers (doctoral students or Post Docs) of FUB and HUJI. Researchers from Germany's non-university research institutions may participate if they cover all related costs.

Application Process

The summary and proposal should address the following points:

- The motivation for holding the activity should be clearly explained, including how the involved FUB and HUJI institutes or departments can profit long term from this cooperation and what synergies can arise.
- The supported activities should have a clearly defined focus and serve as a catalyst for the development of new joint projects.
- Timeframe/Date for the proposed activity (must be completed by December 2025)
- Detailed budget calculation, please list individual costs for each activity and each university. If possible expenses should be equally distributed between both institutions.
- Information on project leaders on both sides (short CVs) and list of other FUB/HUJI participants.

Expected Outcome

To measure the success of the project, the following outcomes are expected and should be detailed in the proposal workplan:

- Submission of a proposal for further external funding towards the end of the project.
- Joint publications
- Jointly supervised (doctoral) students

Submission:

Researchers should submit their joint proposal simultaneously in Berlin and in Jerusalem.

FUB applicants: Please use the [electronic application form](#) provided on the website of Freie Universität Berlin

HUJI applicants: Please send your proposal to Alma Lessing at almal@savion.huji.ac.il

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Deadline: Joint proposals should be submitted by **17 December 2024**.

Selection criteria: Seed money funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint FUB-HUJI committee, giving particular attention to the following criteria:

- Clearly formulated plan and goals of the activity

- Information on envisaged synergies
- Level of concreteness of future joint research, including timeframe and information on funding programs and steps for developing a joint proposal, joint publications and/or joint supervision of graduate students
- Compatibility with the FUB/HUJI research profiles (interdisciplinary nature, excellence of project leaders, scope of the fields/labs represented in the proposed activity)
- Information on how the cooperation can be sustained beyond the initial seed money funding phase

For further information: Please contact the above listed staff.