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The Berlin University Alliance aims at fostering international research collaboration with renowned international universities promoting academic excellence, and engaging in dialogue with institutions worldwide. To promote research collaboration with its strategic partner BUA is offering flexible funding for joint research activities with the **University of Melbourne** (UoM) in 2025.

To guarantee sustainable collaboration this funding scheme aims at existing research collaboration to deepen previous work with the potential of high impact/visibility for the Berlin University Alliance.

### Funding and Eligible Costs

Funding for a project is set at EUR 5,000. We invite proposals building on existing collaborative projects encompassing diverse formats, such as the preparation of joint publications, organization of workshops and/or exhibitions, and beyond. Please note that funding is not available for conference attendance as a stand-alone activity.

Travel and accommodation costs are to be calculated in accordance with the Federal Travel Expenses Act (Bundesreisekostengesetz). The approved funds are designated as budgetary funds (“Haushaltsmittel”) and are exclusively earmarked for material costs (i.e. not staffing costs).

The grants support activities to be conducted in 2025, building on previous collaboration with a special emphasis on proposals demonstrating potential for lasting impact and heightened visibility for the Berlin University Alliance and its strategic partnership.

### Eligibility Criteria

Existing collaboration tandems consisting of one professor or postdoctoral researcher from both the Berlin University Alliance institutions (Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, and Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin) and the University of Melbourne are eligible to apply. Applications must be submitted jointly by partners from both universities and include CVs of the tandem partners (no longer than two pages each) and a short track of records on the collaboration (e.g. joint publication, co-supervision of PhD students, previous funded project).

## Timeline and Application Process

Please use the online application form to describe your project, addressing the aspects such as project description, joint activities, and the pursued goal.

Applications for this call are accepted no later than **25 February 2025**.

Please submit the online application form and send the budget sheet and the CVs to Kathinka Rosenkranz (Coordinator BUA Joint Partnerships, Melbourne and Singapore) to apply for the grant. A decision can be expected in March 2025.

Upon completion of the selection procedure, allocated grant funds will be disbursed to the relevant faculty or department overseeing the project. A valid cost center at one of the affiliated institutions is mandatory for fund transfer. The earliest project activities can start is **01 April 2025**. All activities must be completed and funds used by the **end of November 2025**.

## Selection Committee and Procedure

The selection committee, comprising individuals from CCT8, evaluates proposals based on specified criteria:

### ■ Range of Initiatives and Disciplines:

Proposals will be assessed based on their capacity to broaden the disciplinary spectrum, with the goal of nurturing existing initiatives from diverse academic fields and faculties, and the added value of collaboration between Berlin and Melbourne.

### ■ Sustainability of the Initiative:

The sustainability of proposed initiatives will be assessed, with preference given to projects that demonstrate a clear plan for continuation beyond the funding period.

### ■ Diversity and Inclusion:

We value diversity and inclusion in all aspects of collaboration. Proposals that incorporate diverse perspectives, promote gender equality, and support underrepresented groups will be highly regarded.

■ After reviewing the application, you will receive feedback from us via email with further information about the allocation of the funds. Upon completion of cooperation activities, a brief informal report is required, facilitated through a provided form.

## Contact Details

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kathinka Rosenkranz (Coordinator BUA Joint Partnerships, Melbourne and Singapore) [kathinka.rosenkranz@berlin-university-alliance.de](mailto:kathinka.rosenkranz@berlin-university-alliance.de).