

Unlock the Potential of Your Career

Up to 10,000 Euros ...Get Involved and Hit the Jackpot 2024!

The Postdoc Academy (PA) at the Berlin University Alliance (BUA), consisting of Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin and the Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, was created to promote and support researchers at the postdoc level. The main objective of the PA is to enhance your career opportunities and to enable you to make independent and informed decisions about your next career steps, particularly, if you are still in the early stage of your postdoc. Based on the success of Hit the Jackpot 2023 we launch the second round of Hit the Jackpot with a top prize for the best networking career-idea. In addition to the regional and national scope, we are excited to announce our support for projects that foster global dialogues and collaborations, aiming to further enrich the exchange of ideas and knowledge across international borders.

Submit your idea in this new and non-bureaucratic career development format and you may be the one getting up to 10,000€ to fund it.

Initiatives eligible for funding

Are you a postdoctoral researcher looking to expand your academic collaborations across borders? We look forward to supporting with up to 10,000€ the best and most innovative from Postdocs self-initiated networking career-idea. This year, Hit the Jackpot is especially promoting international networking to enhance the global impact of your research. This grant supports projects to develop regional, national, and international networks and engage with diverse academic cultures and scientific innovations.

Therefore, get together with your peers and create a space to discuss topics of common interests related to your career, socially relevant themes or/and scientific tasks. All this in an interdisciplinary frame or just discipline specific, in or out of academia, is up to you!

With this open call, we are willing to support a wide range of activities and formats as long as your own career development remains the main goal. We encourage creative and innovative approaches especially to international networking, supporting projects that can showcase the potential for significant career advancement.

Hit the Jackpot Goals

The funding provided is intended to

- Support young researchers in their early stages to learn how to integrate local, international, and interdisciplinary perspectives through networking to successfully develop their careers.
- Building bridges between researches across the globe by strengthen the exchanges with peers and researchers from other institutions in Berlin and abroad on topics of interest for career development, including, but not limited to, academia.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted by at least two postdocs from two BUA Institutions as project leaders.

Primarily, support will be provided in the form of material resources up to €10,000. The funds will be available from 2025 and should be expended within the year.

Postdocs will be also able to use the communication infrastructure of the Postdoc Academy.

Please submit the application form along with project leader's CV in a single PDF document.

Applications can be submitted up to 4th Friday, October 2024. The results will be announced end October 2024.

The applications will be evaluated by the Postdoc Academy Council, which will make a final decision based on the following criteria:

- **The objectives and significance of your international networking project.**
- **Group of beneficiaries**
- **Viability: Procedure and implementation of strategies for building and maintaining international relationships, knowledge transfer and/or collaborative research.**
- **Additional value (The anticipated impact and if possible, the sustainability of the network).**

Successful applicants are required to present a preliminary report to our Postdoc Academy Council and/or at our Networking Event planned for June 2025. Additionally, a final report must be submitted within four weeks after the project's completion by the end of 2025 or the beginning of 2026.

Please submit your complete application to the PA postdocs@berlin-university-alliance.de

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