

Call for Proposals 2020

University of Geneva – The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Joint Seed Money Funding Scheme

Purpose of the Scheme

With the goal of facilitating cooperation in the framework of a strategic partnership, the University of Geneva (UNIGE) and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI) have established a joint seed money funding scheme. The funding shall enable UNIGE and HUJI faculty and researchers to identify complementary strengths, facilitate the use of synergies, and promote the development of outstanding future collaborative projects.

Targeted Activities

This call is open to all disciplines, interdisciplinary initiatives being encouraged. The joint funding scheme aims at supporting the first steps of collaboration. The following formats are possible:

- ✓ Intensive research workshops
- ✓ Short term research stays (for young as well as established researchers)
- ✓ Short intensive graduate seminars
- ✓ Mobility for the preparation of joint research proposals
- ✓ Mobility for the exploration of structured joint teaching initiatives
- ✓ Exchange of PhD-students, post-docs

Funding

The joint seed fund operates with a total annual budget of CHF 60.000 (CHF 30.000 from each side).

Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of CHF 20,000 (CHF 10,000 equivalent support for each partner) for up to two years.

Each university will provide its own lead investigator with an equivalent amount of funds that can be spent over the course of the grant period. Grant funds may not be used to pay salaries. Fellowships for graduate students should be part of a specific project and not cover student mobility only.

Application

Proposals must be jointly submitted by faculty of the University of Geneva and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, using the online platform available at <http://huji.unige-cofunds.ch/>. Participants should ideally include both senior and junior faculty/researchers of UNIGE and HUJI. At HUJI, applicants must be members of faculty; at UNIGE, a project must be endorsed by a Full professor if the main applicant doesn't have this status.

The supported activities should have a clearly defined focus and serve as a catalyst for the development of new joint projects. The activities can take place in Geneva or in Jerusalem; inclusion of third parties is possible, however, the additional costs must be covered by these partners themselves.

The motivation for holding the activity should be clearly explained, including how the relevant UNIGE and HUJI institutes or departments are involved and can profit long term from this cooperation and what synergies may arise.

Selection criteria

Seed money funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis, following the criteria below:

- ✓ Clearly formulated plan and goals of the activity
- ✓ Information on envisaged synergies
- ✓ Level of concreteness of future joint research, incl. specific timeframe and information on funding programs (i.e. bilateral, EU or other funding programs) and steps for developing a joint proposal for submission to further funding
- ✓ Compatibility with the UNIGE/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

Projects will be selected by a joint UNIGE-HUJI committee, with an equal number of representatives from the authorities of each university.

Submission and deadlines

Proposals for the UNIGE-HUJI seed money funding scheme should be jointly submitted by UNIGE and HUJI faculty, using the joint online platform.

The application will include the following:

- ✓ Project description
- ✓ Timeframe
- ✓ Relevance of the project towards the criteria mentioned above
- ✓ Detailed budget calculation
- ✓ If relevant, written endorsement statement of respective UNIGE/HUJI faculty/department
- ✓ Short information on project leaders on both sides and list of other UNIGE/HUJI participants

Joint proposals can be submitted until **15 May, 2020**. Results will be communicated in June 2019; the proposed activities should commence in the same year.

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