

## Call for Applications: "KoUP" Cooperation Funding 2023

Dear colleagues,

The last two and a half years have been challenging for the internationalization of universities. Now we want to look ahead again and rejuvenate our cooperative agreements. In 2023, we will further intensify cooperation with partners in the following countries or priority regions as well as the specified universities: **Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Costa Rica, France, Israel, Canada, Columbia, Poland, the USA** as well as the **sub-Saharan Africa** region. We will also continue to support the collaboration within the [European Digital UniverCity](#) alliance launched at the end of 2019 with the Universities of Paris **Nanterre** and **Rennes I** (France), the University of **Cagliari** (Italy), **Masaryk** University (Brno, Czech Republic), and the University of **Pécs** (Hungary). Starting in 2023, the **University of South-Eastern Norway** (Norway) and the **University of Jaume I** (Spain) will also be involved in EDUC. In addition, cooperative agreements with the **Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University** in Ivano Frankivsk, Ukraine, and **Nottingham Trent University** in the United Kingdom, which are active in EDUC as associated partners, will be established or expanded so that applications can also be submitted for these institutions. Applications within the scope of the university's membership in the [YERUN network](#) are strongly encouraged. The international universities in the network are: **University of South Eastern Norway** (NO), **Universidad Autonoma de Madrid** (ES), **Brunel University London** (UK), **Universidad Carlos III de Madrid** (ES), **University of Essex** (UK), **University of Eastern Finland** (FI), **University of Klagenfurt** (AT), **Maastricht University** (NL), **NOVA University Lisbon** (PT), **University Paris Dauphine-PSL** (FR), **Tor Vergata University of Rome** (IT), **University of Southern Denmark** (DK), **University of Limerick** (IE), **University of Rijeka** (CRO), **University of Cyprus** (CY), **UiT - The Arctic University of Norway** (NO), **University of Antwerp** (BE) and the **University of Stirling** (UK). Despite the broad return of normality in terms of travel opportunities, we can still implement digital collaboration projects with our partners.

The University supports the establishment and expansion of cooperative partnerships in the specified regions, countries, and with the universities named above through this call for proposals for KoUP cooperation funding. It is also possible to submit applications to expand cooperative relationships with other universities in the priority regions and countries depending on the availability of financial means (see selection criteria). The aim is to use the funding in the medium term for the preparation of a **joint application for third-party funding** with one or more partner institutions. Sustainability aspects of the project (for example, in the context of the intended application for third-party funding) should be described in the application.

Eligible for funding are:

**A) Cooperation in studies and teaching:**

- Development of measures in the field of Online International Learning as purely virtual formats or formats with some attendance requirements and the use of digital media in cooperative teaching
- Joint development and/or exchange of digital content for teaching
- Development of joint modules or degree programs
- Development and execution of summer schools in Potsdam or abroad that include Potsdam students
- Execution of teaching visits

**B) Research cooperation:** joint workshops, equipment and consumables, financing in the context of publications, research work or consortium meetings

Attached you will find the documents for the call for proposals. We ask that interested parties submit their applications by **January 15, 2023** via email to Marita Böhning, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for International Affairs and Fundraising ([marita.boehning@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:marita.boehning@uni-potsdam.de)).

Ms. Böhning is also available to answer questions via telephone at extension -4190. We look forward to receiving your applications and the further successful development of relationships with our partners.

Kind regards,

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# Call for Applications: "KoUP" Cooperation Funding at the University of Potsdam of December 1, 2022

<b>Objective</b>	The aim of KoUP funding is to establish and develop cooperative relationships between the University of Potsdam and its partner universities in our priority countries and regions. It is also possible to submit applications to expand cooperative relationships with other universities in the priority regions (depending on the availability of financial means). You can find an overview of the <a href="#">university and faculty partnerships</a> on our website under Campus International/Profile.
<b>Focus 2023</b>	<p>a) Argentina, Australia, Brazil<sup>1</sup>, France, Israel<sup>2</sup>, Canada, Columbia, Poland, the USA and sub-Saharan Africa<sup>3</sup></p> <p>b) The EDUC Universities of Paris Nanterre and Rennes I (France), the University of Cagliari (Italy), Masaryk University (Brno, Czech Republic), the University of Pécs (Hungary), the University of South-Eastern Norway (Norway), and the University of Jaume I (Spain)</p> <p>c) Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, Ukraine; Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom</p>
<b>Entitled to apply are</b>	Professors and academic staff members at all faculties of the University of Potsdam, including doctoral students (only together with a professor/junior professor).
<b>Funding</b>	<p>In the context of <b>cooperation in teaching and studies</b>, funding is provided for the development of measures in the field of Online International Learning as purely virtual formats or formats with some attendance requirements and the use of digital media in cooperative teaching<sup>4</sup>, the joint development and/or exchange of digital content for teaching, the development of joint modules or degree programs, the development and execution of summer schools in Potsdam or abroad that include Potsdam students and/or the execution of teaching visits. Eligible for funding are, for example, travel and accommodation costs for researchers and students, equipment and consumables, measures in connection with teaching preparations, graduate assistants for accompanying assignments.</p> <p>In terms of <b>research cooperation</b>, funding will be provided for the preparation of joint funding applications. With this objective, funding can be granted for joint workshops, equipment, financing in the context of publications, research work, or consortium meetings.</p>
<b>Funding amounts</b>	The maximum funding per project application is 4,000 EUR or 8,000 EUR, depending on the country group (see below). The funds must be used in the calendar year 2023.
<b>Selection Criteria:</b>	The submitted exposé and the financial plan (formal criteria) are evaluated. In the event that the total amount of funding applied for exceeds the available funds, the following prioritization will also apply: Preference will be given to applications with our <b>EDUC and strategic partners</b> (Macquarie University, Tel Aviv University). Applications related to our <b>existing partner institutions</b> will then follow; and finally applications with universities with which no partnership currently exists. Projects dealing with <b>sustainability/ Sustainable Development Goals</b> as well as <b>projects on digital cooperation</b> with partners are

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<sup>1</sup> For Brazil, please also note the DWIH's separate calls and deadlines for events in Brazil that can be combined with KoUP: <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/international/service/ausschreibungen.html>

<sup>2</sup> In particular, we should mention here the partnerships with Tel Aviv University and the University of Haifa.

<sup>3</sup> A new partnership has emerged from one of the president's trips: Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources

<sup>4</sup> For the development, conception and implementation of virtual cooperations in teaching and learning you can contact the ZfQ/COIL.UP (Frederic Matthe [frederic.matthe@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:frederic.matthe@uni-potsdam.de))

expressly encouraged. In the case of follow-up KoUP applications, you will need to clarify how the projects are interlinked. Approval is predicated on prior use of the ConnActUP ([www.connactup.de](http://www.connactup.de)) web application, which provides a visual representation of international projects.

## Application

The application may be submitted in English or German and must consist of (i) the attached form (Excel); (ii) a **maximum** one-page description of the joint project or the aim of the visit, including an explanation of how the project fits in with the University's [strategic development](#); and (iii) a preliminary financial plan, including own funds if applicable. When applying for travel costs, you must identify the universities and faculties to be visited.

**Note regarding the preparation of the financial plan:** When preparing your financial plans, please consult the information provided by Division 4 on international travel costs ([Auslandsreisekostenverordnung](#)); for graduate assistant positions, please see the current salary overview ([Formulare für wissenschaftliche Hilfskräfte](#)). You can use the [DAAD's suggested rates](#) for the calculation of a travel budget; invoicing of the actual incurred costs, however, will be done on the basis of Germany's Federal Travel Expenses Act.

Fees should be calculated within appropriate limits. Scholarships cannot be awarded (incoming students are reimbursed for incurred travel and accommodation costs). This funding cannot be allocated to expenditures for meals, gifts to cooperation partners or participants, or for the purposes of self-representation. The funding also cannot be spent on basic equipment (laptops etc.) or research/laboratory equipment. Please also note that **budget regulations** apply to the disbursement of funds.

## Deadline

Please submit your application by email by **January 15, 2023** to the Vice President for International Affairs and Fundraising, c/o Marita Böhning. Decisions on the applications are expected to be taken by February 25, 2023.

## Country groups

To determine the possible funding amount, we have reintroduced the country groups that were in use before the pandemic. Please note the country group assignments:

4,000 EUR maximum funding: [EDUC](#) universities, [YERUN](#) universities, France, Poland, Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (UKR), Nottingham Trent University (UK)

8,000 EUR maximum funding: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Israel, USA, Sub-Saharan Africa

## Contact

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