

## Call for Proposals: "KoUP" Cooperation Funding for the Priority Regions and Countries of the University of Potsdam

Dear colleagues,

a difficult year – not only for internationalization – is coming to a close. Despite the pandemic, we want to take advantage of the year 2021 to 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, Russia, the USA** as well as the region **sub-Saharan Africa**. We will also continue to support collaboration within the [European Digital UniverCity](#) alliance started 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). In addition, cooperation with **Hunan Normal University** in **China** is to be established or expanded and applications can therefore also be submitted for this purpose. In response to the restrictions Covid-19 imposes on all of us, we would like to help you to a greater extent with the implementation of digital collaboration projects with our partners.

The University supports the establishment and expansion of cooperative partnerships in the specified regions, countries and universities 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 (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 measures in the context of publications, research work or consortium meetings

Attached you will find the details for the call for proposals. We ask that interested parties submit their applications by **January 15, 2021** 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 – even under the current difficult circumstances.

Kind regards,

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# Call for Proposals: "KoUP" Cooperation Funding for Priority Countries and Regions of the University of Potsdam December 1, 2020

<b>Objective</b>	The aim of KoUP funding is to establish and expand 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 2021</b>	a) Argentina, Australia, Brazil <sup>1</sup> , Costa Rica, France, Israel, Canada, Columbia, Poland, Russia, the USA and sub-Saharan Africa b) Universities of Paris Nanterre and Rennes I (France), University of Cagliari (Italy), Masaryk University (Brno, Czech Republic), and the University of Pécs (Hungary) c) Hunan Normal University, China
<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 university instructor).
<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, 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 measures in the context of publications, research work or consortium meetings.</p>
<b>Funding amounts</b>	The maximum funding per project application is € 6,000 (no country groups in 2021). The funds must be used in the calendar year 2021.
<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 <a href="#">partner institutions</a></b> will then follow; and finally applications with universities with which no partnership

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<sup>1</sup> For Brazil, please also note the separate announcements and deadlines of the German Center for Research & Innovation (DWIH) for courses and events in Brazil that can be combined with KoUP: <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/service/calls-for-proposals>

currently exists. Projects dealing with **sustainability/ Sustainable Development Goals** as well as **projects on digital cooperation** with partners are expressly encouraged. In 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 plan, please consult the information provided by Division 3 on international travel costs ([Auslandsreisekostenverordnung](#)); for graduate assistant positions, please see the current salary overview ([Formulare für wissenschaftliche Hilfskräfte](#)). You can use the [suggested rates of the DAAD](#) for the calculation of travel expenses.

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, 2021** to the Vice President for International Affairs and Fundraising, c/o Marita Böhning. Decisions on the applications are expected to be taken by February 20, 2021.

#### **Country groups**

For the determination of the possible funding amount, country groups were used in previous years. This year, this will be omitted due to the expected reduced travel activity in the context of KoUP projects. The maximum amount of funding is **€ 6,000**.

#### **Contact**

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