Kyoto University (KU) and Universität Hamburg (UHH) Funding Program
Call for ECR Mobility Program Proposals 2021 (ECR Program)

In July 2020, Kyoto University (KU) and Universität Hamburg (UHH) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding to form a joint strategic partnership. With the goal of initiating and strengthening their cooperation in research and education, KU and UHH have launched a funding program to support joint projects. The funding aims to enable KU and UHH faculty and researchers to identify complementary strengths, facilitate the use of synergies, and promote the future development of projects.

The involvement of early career researchers (ECRs) in the exchange and collaboration between KU and UHH is deemed a vital factor in ensuring its sustainability. The joint funding ECR Program seeks to develop sustainable collaboration and exchange in all research domains.

**Amount of funding provided through the program**

By UHH: Up to 2,500 EUR per person for UHH researchers visiting KU

By KU: Up to 300,000 JPY per person for the travel expenses of 3–4 KU researchers visiting UHH for short-term research stays.

**Eligible persons**

Assistant professors, master's/PhD students, and post-doctoral research fellows.

**Funding period**

The proposed activities should be conducted during the period September 2021 to early March 2022. Travel expenses will be provided in accordance with the applicable regulations of each university.

**Selection criteria**

Funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint KU-UHH committee, giving particular attention to the following criteria:

- A clearly formulated activity plan (comprehensible to non-experts).
- Potential for strengthening institutional links between KU and UHH.
- Potential for the development of sustainable research collaboration and exchange.
- Potential for acquiring third party funding in the future.
- Validity of the reasons for which the funding is necessary.
Submission and deadline

Proposals for the KU-UHH funding scheme should be submitted by candidates who are full-time faculty members of KU or UHH, or, in the case of students and postdoctoral research fellows, by the candidate’s academic supervisor. Proposals must be submitted in English.

The required application documents are as follows:

1) Completed application form, including:
   a) Project title
   b) Details of the applicant, and the visiting and hosting researchers
   c) Description of the planned project/activities (max. length: 2 pages)
   d) Budget calculation

2) Complete CVs of the visiting and host researchers

3) A letter of invitation issued by the host researcher at the host university

Deadline


A report of the program must be submitted after its completion. The report shall be made publicly available.

All proposals from KU and UHH applicants should be sent by email to the following address:

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