Kyoto University (KU) and Universität Hamburg (UHH) Funding Program 
Call for Joint Project Proposals 2021 (General 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 shall enable KU and UHH faculty and researchers to identify complementary strengths, facilitate the use of synergies, and promote the future development of outstanding projects.

The joint funding program can be used either to intensify ongoing cooperation or to launch new joint research and education projects. In this context, KU and UHH call for proposals for joint research projects which either deepen existing research links or facilitate new collaboration.

Details of the joint funding

Each project selected shall be awarded funding of up to EUR 4,000,00/JPY 500,000.

The funding shall be awarded to approximately four joint projects to facilitate activities such as the following:

- Intensive research workshops, conferences, roundtables, and symposia
- Mobility for joint research and meetings.
- The development of joint education activities, such as seminars and colloquia.
- Joint publications

The proposed activities should be conducted during the period September 2021 to early March 2022.

Activities proposed should have a clearly defined focus, and should serve as a catalyst for the development of new joint projects. The motivation for holding the activity should be clearly explained, including how the KU and UHH institutes or departments involved will benefit in the long term from the cooperation and what synergies can arise. The activities can take place in Kyoto or in Hamburg.

The funds awarded must be used for travel expenses, catering (for in-person activities only), venue rental fees, the employment of assistants (not for research or experiments, but for events related to the joint project), shipment costs, or publishing costs.

Applications should be submitted by senior researchers who are full-time faculty members at KU or UHH, and should ideally involve senior, junior, and female faculty/researchers from KU and UHH.
• Travel allowance and other expenses will be provided in accordance with the applicable regulations of KU and UHH.
• The amount of the award will be decided based on the contents of the proposal.

The university that will provide the funding will be determined after selection. The funding will be provided to the project coordinator affiliated with the university that is allocated to provide the funding.

Both KU and UHH are aware that the novel coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic has made many of the usual forms of university cooperation difficult, particularly mobility. Proposals will therefore be accepted for both in-person activities and/or online activities.

Selection criteria
Funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint KU-UHH committee, with particular attention given to the following criteria:
• A coherent and clearly formulated activity plan (comprehensible to non-experts).
• Scientific merit and envisaged synergies of both the proposed activities and the anticipated outcomes.
• Potential for strengthening institutional links between KU and UHH.
• Potential for sustainable follow-up collaborative activities.
• Potential for the acquisition of third-party funding.
• Validity of the reasons for which the funding is necessary.

Submission
Proposals for the KU-UHH funding program should be submitted by the project coordinator, who must be a full-time faculty member at KU or UHH. Proposals must be submitted in English, using the application form attached. Please submit your proposals as a single PDF file.

The required application documents are as follows:

1) Completed application form, including:
   a) Project title
   b) Details of the project coordinators
   c) Detailed budget calculation
   d) Description of the planned project/activity (2 pages in length)
   e) Details of the project participants

2) Complete CVs of the project coordinators from both institutions (max. length 2 pages per CV). CVs of the other project participants should also be provided if necessary.

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


The proposed activities must be conducted within 7 months of the period September 2021 to early March 2022.

All proposals (whether sent by the project coordinator from KU or UHH) should be sent by email to the following address:

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