

Cambridge-LMU Strategic Partnership
Call for Proposals in Research and Teaching

Funding period: 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2026

Call deadline: 20 October 2024

The University of Cambridge and the LMU Munich are delighted to announce the first call of the second funding period 2025-2029. The overall aim of the partnership is to explore and support an array of activities that will continue to cement a meaningful and productive partnership between two of Europe's leading universities. The partnership, and this call, covers all disciplines.

Eligibility

All permanent members of staff are eligible. Funding can cover costs of Cambridge and LMU employees and students only - collaborators from other institutions besides the University of Cambridge and LMU Munich are not eligible for any financial support from either partner institution.

Funded activities

Funding is available for two types of activity: Research projects and teaching projects

Research

It is important that the partnership delivers a discernible and quantifiable increase in research activity between the institutions. Applications for research collaborations will be assessed on the basis of the concrete targets they set themselves (specific grant applications and research outputs). While it is not necessary for every project to target an external grant (which might not be possible or desirable in every discipline), it is an advantage.

Teaching

The partnership should develop joint teaching and training ventures at postgraduate level that are both of lasting value and can serve as a model for future developments. The partnership is open to different formats: jointly designed special subjects, joint modules, joint courses. Innovative methods of delivery should be encouraged.

Support in both categories is intended for specific project-related purposes such as, for example, travel, accommodation and subsistence/catering costs for meetings, workshops and conferences in Cambridge or Munich; the generation of preliminary data; and preparation of grant applications. Research-related consumables and material expenses, research support, dissemination material, in accordance with the budget plan, can also be funded. For detailed information, please refer to the section 'Budget planning and budget regulations' below.

Applications for research and teaching projects should include:

- Brief CV of both PIs (up to two pages each; top five relevant publications only)
- Title and short project/conference/workshop description which includes (up to 500 words in total):
 - Description of the research/teaching/training scheme
 - Outline of the longer-term benefits to both institutions
- List of planned project/conference/workshop participants (in particular, name and position/rank of persons for whom travel expenses are to be reimbursed) with preliminary dates and timeline

- List of planned further grant applications and planned publications
- For teaching proposals: please indicate plans for new developments that may contribute to new and sustainable activity
- For PIs who have already been awarded funding in previous rounds: please outline the timing, amount and outcome of the funding awarded. Former award holders should kindly note that no further extensions (cost-neutral extensions included) are possible.

Funding and duration

Funding available per project: 10,000 euros to 40,000 euros.

It is recognised that deeper collaboration takes time to progress. To that end, this call will allow applicants to apply for one (fiscal year 2025) or two years (fiscal years 2025 and 2026). Funding requests for two years should include details on why this longer funding period is necessary.

- Funding Period I: 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025
- Funding Period II: 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2026

Please be aware that the detailed breakdown of costs per partner university, per cost category and per fiscal year must be included in the proposal.

Budget planning and budget regulations

The application should include the funding categories that are relevant to the project. The funding categories are:

- Travel and accommodation costs to or in Munich/Cambridge
- Expenses for organizing events (e.g. catering, dissemination material)
- Research support (e.g. student assistants; at LMU this category exclusively)
- Publication costs (open access publication included) will only be funded up to 10% of the respective approved university budget split; up to an overall maximum of 2,000 euros
- Reasonable research-related consumables and material expenses may also be funded.

In order to maximize the funds available, activities should not take place outside Munich or Cambridge, unless in exceptional circumstances. In recognition of the difference in support structures in Cambridge and Munich, applications may include up to 1,000 euros for administrative support in Cambridge.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed by the sending institution which is likewise responsible for the payment of subsistence costs. Please refer to the university regulations at each institution ([LMU: Bavarian Travel Expenses Act \(Bayerisches Reisekostengesetz, BayRKG\)](#); [Cambridge: Regulations of the Finance Division](#)).

For calculating catering costs, please adhere to the LMU regulations ([Richtlinien zur Finanzierung von Bewirtungs- und Repräsentationsausgaben vom 1.3.2019](#) (accessible for LMU employees only)).

Deadline and submission of proposals

- Deadline: Sunday 20 October 2024
- Notification: by end of November 2024

Applications can be either submitted by LMU applicants via the [LMU online submission form](#) or by CAM applicants via the [online submission form for CAM applicants](#). Please note that only one application either from the LMU or from the CAM PI is necessary.

Applications will be judged both on their individual quality and the overall spread of disciplines and type of collaboration. The selection of the projects will be conducted by a joint committee of experts from both partner institutions.

Reporting

Successful applicants are expected to provide a brief report on their activities and future plans. For this purpose, an online survey will be provided by the end of the funding period.

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