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**Call for Proposals 2018  
Joint Seed Money Funding**

**Aims of Cooperation and Possible formats**

With the goal of facilitating cooperation in the framework of a strategic partnership, University of Zurich (UZH) and Charles University (CU) have established a joint seed money funding scheme. The funding shall enable UZH and CU faculties and researchers to identify complementary strengths, facilitate the use of synergies, and promote the development of outstanding future projects in research and teaching.

The following formats are possible:

- Intensive research workshops
- Short term research stays (for established as well as young researchers)
- Research-oriented teaching / short intensive graduate seminars
- Mobility for the preparation of joint research proposals

**Terms and Conditions of Open Call**

The supported activities should have a clearly defined focus and serve as a catalyst for the development of new joint projects. The activities can take place in CU or in UZH; applications can be handed in by senior researchers (professors) and ideally include both senior and junior faculty /researchers (PhD students or Post Docs) of CU and UZH.

The motivation for holding the activity should be clearly explained, including how the involved UZH and CU institutes or departments can profit long term from this cooperation and what synergies can arise. Inclusion of non-university research institutions is possible, provided these partners are willing to contribute to co-funding.

**Selection Criteria**

Seed money funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint UZH-CU committee, giving particular attention to the following criteria:

- Clearly formulated plan of the activity
- Scientific merit of the proposed activities and of the anticipated outcomes
- Envisaged synergies and added value for ongoing research on both sides
- Benefits of the proposed activities for the establishment of sustainable research partnerships and institutional links between UZH and CU
- Potential for follow-up collaborative activities
- Potential for acquiring third party funding for follow up activities
- Expertise and complementarities of the involved researchers
- Feasibility of the proposed approach
- Qualifications and experience of applicants



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### **Funding**

The joint seed funding aims at supporting the first steps of cooperation projects and is therefore not meant to provide complete project funding.

The funding scheme is not limited to a specific academic field, the activities can be either focused on one discipline or be of interdisciplinary character. The maximum amount of seed money funding per project is of EUR 2.000.00.

### **Submission and Deadlines**

Proposals must be written in English and shall be jointly submitted by UZH and CU Faculty. The proposals shall include:

- 1) **Application Form for Joint Seed Money Funding**
- 2) **Structured CVs of project leaders**
- 3) **Endorsement letter of respective UZH and CU department or institute**

The proposed activities should be conducted within 12 months of the proposal submission.

Joint proposals shall be submitted in electronic form by **March 15** each year to Project Coordinators:

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