

LMU-China Academic Network

Call for Applications
2026 Funding Period

Purpose of Funding

The **LMU-ChAN Seed Grants** aim to promote innovative research collaborations and strengthen academic networks between Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) and its partner institutions in Mainland China and Hong Kong. Funding may be requested for:

- Organizing joint workshops or workshop series
- Hosting academic conferences
- Generating preliminary research data
- Preparing joint grant applications

Please note: Stays for the sole purpose of teaching are **not eligible** for funding under this program.

Funding Guidelines

Each project may apply for a **maximum of €10,000**, which can be used for:

Mobility and Travel

- Travel expenses to China for LMU researchers and to Munich for LMU-ChAN researchers
- Accommodation and travel costs within the proposed budget plan
- Reimbursement is based on actual costs incurred, in accordance with the Bavarian Travel Expenses Act (Bayerisches Reisekostengesetz) and LMU-ChAN funding rates, and requires original receipts (e.g., for flights and hotels)

Workshops and Conferences

- Organizational expenses, including catering and logistics, for joint events conducted by LMU and LMU-ChAN researchers

Publications and Dissemination

- Costs related to research publications and dissemination materials arising from the funded activities
- Up to **€3,000** may be allocated specifically for publications and research-related dissemination



LMU-ChAN Partner Institutions

For the 2026 funding period, all proposals must include **at least one** of the following LMU-ChAN key partner universities:

- Fudan University
- Peking University
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Zhejiang University

Please note: Proposals involving **only Zhejiang University** must be submitted through the **separate LMU-ZJU Joint Call**.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

- Postdoctoral researchers and professors employed at LMU on a fixed-hours basis

Project Collaborators

- Full-time faculty (tenure, tenure-track, or continuing contract) from all eleven LMU-ChAN partner universities are eligible for financial support within a project
- External researchers from institutions other than LMU and LMU-ChAN universities may participate in projects. However, they are generally **not eligible** for financial support (e.g., travel, accommodation) through LMU-ChAN seed funding.

Application documents

- **Description** of the planned research project including the expected outputs and outcome of the research stay (max. 2 pages)
- **Curriculum vitae** (max. 2 pages with key publications) of the cooperating partners at LMU and the LMU-ChAN partner university
- **Budget plan** justifying the funds required and including other sources of funding (if applicable)
- **Planned timeframe**
- **List of project participants** (in particular name and position/rang of researchers for whom travel expenses are to be reimbursed)
- For **LMU doctoral candidates** included in the funding request: **letters of recommendation** from LMU supervisors

Application Deadline

Monday, 2 February 2026, 11.59 PM



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Funding Period

2 February to 30 November 2026

Submission of applications

Applications must be submitted by LMU members via the following online portal:
<https://lmu.moveon4.de/form/64194c74fbc62b33ea3ebdda/eng>

Reporting Requirement

Successful applicants are required to complete a brief **online survey** within **two months** after the end of the funding period. The link to the survey will be provided accordingly.

For further information on the program, please refer to the LMU website.

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