



LMU – China Academic Network Call for Applications - for the 2025 funding period -

The LMU – China Academic Network (ChAN) has been established to strengthen the academic collaboration between Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) and the following universities in Mainland China and Hong Kong (alphabetic order):

Fudan University, Nanjing University, Peking University, Renmin University of China, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Sun Yat-sen University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The University of Hong Kong, Tongji University, Tsinghua University and Zhejiang University. The program is intended to support and promote innovative research across disciplines and foster cooperation in the sciences with these universities.

The LMU - ChAN is open to all academic fields and recognizes the different cultures and requirements across disciplines. The following activities will be funded within the cooperation program:

1. Seed funding for joint projects, workshops and conferences

2. Workshop at the LMU-ChAN Scientific Forum 2025 in Munich

Furthermore LMU-ChAN plans to open an ongoing call for small-scale funding of up to 3,000 euros for individual mobility in the first half of 2025. Please refer to the LMU-ChAN website for updates.

Eligibility

LMU

- Postdocs and professors employed at LMU on a fixed-hours basis.

Members from the above-mentioned partner institutions in mainland China and Hong Kong (LMU-ChAN researchers):

- current full-time faculty members (tenure, tenure-track and continuing contract faculty from the LMU-ChAN university)

Please note that collaborators from other institutions besides LMU-ChAN and LMU are eligible to participate in projects but are generally not eligible for any financial support (travel costs, accommodation etc.) from LMU.

Application deadline

Monday, 9 December 2024, 11.59 PM

Funding period for all funded activities

1 February to 31 December 2025

Submission of applications

Applications can only be submitted by LMU members via the following online portal:

<https://lmu.moveon4.de/form/64194c74fbc62b33ea3ebdda/eng>

1. Seed funding for joint projects, workshops and conferences

In order to promote new and innovate research areas and to strengthen LMU-ChAN collaborative networks, scholars can also be supported with seed grants. The support is intended for specific project-related purposes like a joint workshop (series) and/or conferences, the generation of preliminary data, preparation of grant applications, etc. Stays for the sole purpose of teaching cannot be funded within the LMU-ChAN. The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for is 10,000 euros.

Seed grants can be combined with an application for a workshop at the LMU-ChAN Scientific Forum in Munich.

The funding can be used for:

- Mobility from and to China: travel expenses to China for LMU researchers, to Munich for LMU-ChAN researchers, accommodation costs and travel expenses within the proposed budget plan, ChAN funding rates and according the Bavarian Travel Expenses Act (Bayerisches Reisekostengesetz).
- Joint research workshops and conferences conducted by researchers from LMU and LMU-ChAN partner institutions. Organization of the conference and catering can be funded in accordance with the budget plan.
- Publications and research-related dissemination material related to the workshops/conferences can be funded with up to 3,000 euros.

A workshop at the LMU-ChAN Scientific Forum from 29.-31. November 2024 can be combined with seed funding for joint projects (e.g. for a workshop with an extended stay of guests for further research activities).

Proposals including Zhejiang University (ZJU) or Renmin University of China (RUC) need to apply through the distinct Joint Calls:

- ZJU call for 2025 is currently open (deadline: 30 November 2025)
- RUC call for 2025 to be released in the early of 2025

In the LMU-ChAN Call for Applications for 2025, proposals with ZJU or RUC are only accepted if the project is not eligible for joint funding within the mentioned university calls (e.g. if a third LMU-ChAN university is part of the project). Funding from the LMU-ChAN and the university-centered calls may not be combined.

Application documents

- Short description of the planned research project including the expected outputs and outcome of the research stay (max. 2 pages)
- Curriculum vitae 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 to be funded within your project: letters of recommendation from LMU supervisors

Funding

Travel expenses will be reimbursed according to the Bavarian Travel Expenses Act (Bayerisches Reisekostengesetz) based on the actual costs incurred with corresponding proof of original invoices for flights and accommodation.

2. Workshop at the LMU-ChAN Scientific Forum 2025 from 29 – 31 October 2025 in Munich

The annual Scientific Forum is an important element of the network's structure. The Forum not only serves to generate ideas for collaborative ventures in research, it also helps to nurture and extend existing contacts and interactions. The symposium comprises lectures and workshops with 70 to 100 participants. It brings together both established and early-career researchers from LMU and China.

For the 10th Anniversary of the LMU-China Academic Network in 2025 the Scientific Forum will take place from 29-31 October 2025 at LMU Munich under the topic "Forward thinking".

The general event (venue, accommodation, flights, etc.) will be organized by the LMU International Office – participating researchers are responsible for the content-related organization of the workshop.

Target group: LMU faculty members and their research partners from LMU-ChAN partner universities.

Workshops that invite partners from more than one LMU-ChAN university will be given priority to support the network idea of LMU-ChAN.

Funding

- A workshop at the LMU-ChAN Scientific Forum conducted by researchers from LMU and LMU-ChAN partner institutions with funding for up to 10 speakers (=max. number of speakers for each workshop incl. both LMU + LMU-ChAN universities).
- Successful workshop applications will receive their support by means of the following services provided:
 - LMU speakers: fully organized meeting by the International Office as well as meals and coffee breaks during the event
 - LMU-ChAN speakers: Accommodation of up to three nights (if applicable) and meals per days; travel costs to Munich shall be borne by the respective partner universities (in justified cases some flight costs might be covered, please add a written statement on the academic value of this speaker to your workshop application)

Further participants may join the workshop discussions and/or as audience – registration will take place at a later stage (no funding will be provided for this group).

A workshop at the Forum can be combined with seed funding for joint projects (e.g. to extend a stay of guests for further research activities).

Application documents

- Short description of the planned workshop including the expected outputs and outcome with reference to the topic of the forum – "Forward thinking" (max. 2 pages)
- Complete list of workshop speakers with prospective topic (in particular name and position/rang of researchers for whom travel/accommodation expenses are to be reimbursed)
- Curriculum vitae of all speakers from LMU and LMU-ChAN partner universities
- Program and duration of the workshop (planned order and duration of the presentations, agenda in hours – breaks not included)

Reporting and contact

Successful applicants are expected to fill out an online survey within two months after the funding period. The respected link will be provided accordingly.

For further information on the program, please refer to the [LMU website](#).

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