



## LMU-NYU Research Cooperation Program

### *Call for Applications*

*- for the 2026 funding period -*

#### **Premise**

The LMU-NYU Research Cooperation Program was established in 2017 and extended in 2022 to promote and support research collaboration between Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich) and New York University (NYU) across a wide range of disciplines and academic levels. Both institutions have committed resources to this partnership.

#### **Eligibility**

	NYU	LMU Munich
Short-term research stays for PhD students and postdocs/faculty fellows	PhD students and faculty fellows from NYU New York*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PhD students employed at LMU or doctoral candidates with an LMU scholar as first supervisor</li><li>• Postdocs employed at LMU</li></ul>
Workshops/symposia, projects and visiting professorship (only applies for NYU)	Full-time faculty members (tenure, tenure-track and continuing contract faculty) from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NYU New York*</li><li>• NYU Abu Dhabi</li><li>• NYU Shanghai</li></ul>	Postdocs and professors employed at LMU on a fixed-hours basis; applications from LMU Faculty of Medicine can only be accepted if cooperating with eligible NYU Schools

*\*Individuals from NYU's Grossman School of Medicine and the Long Island School of Medicine are not eligible to apply for funding. However, faculty from these Schools are eligible to host eligible PhD students and Postdocs from LMU.*

#### **Criteria**

The LMU-NYU Partnership recognizes the different cultures and requirements across disciplines. Therefore, the concrete implementation of the initiatives is left to the scholars. However, projects falling under the broad remits below will be prioritized:

- Proposals that initiate new collaborations with a clear plan to create a longer-term partnership between the NYU and LMU researchers.
- Proposals that create opportunities for capacity building at both institutions.
- Proposals that demonstrate potential in having broad impact in the field of study and/or the PI's research activity, and that ideally make a significant contribution to the joint research agendas of both partner institutions.
- Proposals for which the applicants have concrete plans for a follow-up external funding initiative.
- Proposals that incorporate diverse perspectives and experiences into the project.

NYU and LMU faculty members (Principal Investigators ("PIs")) are eligible to submit joint proposals. Collaborators from other institutions besides NYU and LMU, subject to an appropriate balance between internal and external researchers, are eligible to participate in projects but are not eligible for any financial support from NYU or LMU.

## 1. Short-term research stays for PhD students and postdocs/faculty fellows

Eligible scholars who want to conduct research with faculty from the partner institution and expand their network abroad, can apply for financial support for their stay generally for a maximum of three months.

### Application documents

- Title and short description of the research activity (1 page), including the research context in which the research work will be conducted and the expected outcome, as well as any additional financial support the applicant is receiving from their faculty or unit, if applicable.
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of recommendation from a professor in the same department/unit at the home institution.
- Letter of invitation from a tenured professor at the partner institution.

### Funding

- PhD students (LMU / NYU): daily allowance and accommodation up to 2,700 euros / 2,000 USD per month
- LMU Postdocs / NYU Faculty Fellows: daily allowance and accommodation up to 3,500 euros / 2,500 USD per month
- Travel expenses (LMU / NYU) up to 1,350 euros / 1,400 USD (flight costs, transfer to/from the airport)
- Visa fees
- For LMU scholars: registration fees at NYU, if applicable, limited to a maximum of 2,500 euros

Rates may be subject to minor alterations; the final funding rates will be communicated with the notification. The institutions will reimburse the travel expenses according to their own regulations (at LMU in accordance with the Bavarian Travel Expenses Act (*Bayerisches Reisekostengesetz*)).

## 2. Workshops and Symposia

Eligible are exploratory workshops intended to stake out potential for collaboration, but also workshops presenting finished work or work in progress. The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for is 20,000 euros / 21,050 USD. Applicants are invited and encouraged to also consider NYU Berlin as a possible collaboration partner/site for their event.

### Application documents

- Description of the activity (1-2 pages), including the expected outcome and any additional financial support received by the applicant's faculty or unit
- Curriculum vitae of the cooperating partners at LMU and NYU
- Planned timeline for the workshop or symposium
- List of planned project participants (in particular, name and position/rank of persons for whom travel expenses are to be reimbursed)
- Budget plan, justifying the required funds and including other sources of funding, as well as the allocation of funding requests between NYU and LMU

### Budget

Accepted proposals cannot redistribute funds between the institutions after the award has been granted. A budget template for workshops/symposia and projects can be found in the respective application forms. The funding categories are:

- Travel and accommodation costs to or in Munich/New York City
- Expenses for organizing events (e.g. catering, dissemination material)
- Research support (e.g. student assistants)
- Publication costs

- Reasonable research-related consumables and material expenses may also be funded. Please note that expenditure on consumables need to be in balance with other types of costs and should not account for the majority of costs.

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

### 3. Seed Funding for Joint Projects

Planned projects between LMU and NYU scholars can also be supported by the partnership at a small scale in the form of seed funding within one calendar year. The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for is 25,000 euros / 26,300 USD.

**Application documents and budget: same as Workshops and Symposia**

### 4. NYU Visiting Professor at LMU

LMU will provide additional funds for one long-term visiting professor from NYU from any faculty. The visiting professor is expected to stay at LMU for a minimum of three months and up to one year and take part in academic life at LMU, e.g. through guest lectures and research presentations.

For the duration of the visit, LMU offers funding for accommodation and living expenses, travel expenses as well as for some research costs. The grant does not include any salary or compensation to the visiting professor from NYU; The NYU applicant's salary and replacement costs, if applicable, must be covered by the NYU applicant's school/department. Please note that, per NYU policy, teaching is not allowed if a faculty is applying for this opportunity during sabbatical.

#### Application documents:

- Project description, including the research context in which the research work will be conducted and the expected outcome
- Curriculum vitae and list of publications
- Letter of invitation from a tenured LMU professor
- Letter of support from applicant's NYU unit head confirming that the applicant is authorized to be away from their home campus for the duration of the visiting professorship, and that the unit will be assuming the faculty's salary and replacement costs during their absence, if applicable
- Preferences regarding opportunities for the visiting professor to take part in the academic life at LMU

Please note: Applications for the visiting professorship must also be submitted by the LMU host (LMU professor).

### Application deadline and funding period

- Application deadline: May 23, 2025
- Notification: Early August 2025

Please note that funding commitments can only be guaranteed by LMU for the funding period starting 1 January 2026 and ending 31 December 2026. NYU funds must be distributed to NYU applicants between September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026.

### Submission of applications

Applications for short-term research stays should be submitted using their home institution's submission form.

Joint applications for workshops/symposia, research projects and the visiting professorship should be submitted to both institutions by each institution's respective PI.

NYU scholars should apply using the [NYU online submission form](#).

LMU scholars should apply using the [LMU online submission form](#).

### 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. The online survey must be submitted within one month after receiving it.

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