



LMU-NYU Research Cooperation Program

Call for Applications

- for the 2025 funding period -

Premise

The LMU-NYU Research Cooperation Program was established in 2017 and extended in 2022 to promote and support research collaboration between 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

Researchers and faculty from the following disciplines/units are eligible to apply:

- **LMU:** For research mobility: i) PhD students employed at LMU or doctoral candidates with an LMU professor as first supervisor and ii) Postdocs employed at LMU.
For conferences/projects: Postdocs and professors employed at LMU on a fixed-hours basis. Please note that due to the exclusion of the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and Long Island School of Medicine, applications from LMU Faculty of Medicine cannot be accepted.
- **NYU:** For research mobility: current PhD students from NYU New York (excluding the Grossman School of Medicine and Long Island School of Medicine). For conferences, projects and visiting professorship: current full-time faculty members (tenure, tenure-track and continuing contract faculty from NYU New York (excluding the Grossman School of Medicine and Long Island School of Medicine), NYU Abu Dhabi, and NYU Shanghai.

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 and have a clear plan to create a longer-term partnership between NYU and LMU researchers.
- 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 funding initiative.
- Proposals that integrate Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) considerations into their research methodology.

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. Research mobility for doctoral students and early career researchers

Junior scholars, especially advanced doctoral students or junior faculty (from LMU), 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 (for junior scholars, this can be the PhD advisor/first supervisor or the academic mentor).
- Letter of invitation from a tenured professor at the partner institution.

Funding

- NYU and LMU PhD students: daily allowance and accommodation up to 2,700 euros / 2,900 USD per month
- LMU Postdocs: daily allowance and accommodation up to 3,500 euros / 3,800 USD euros per month
- Travel expenses up to 1,000 euros / 1,080 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

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 Conferences

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 / 21,650 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 conference
- 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

Funding

With regard to the LMU budget, the following cost types should represent the majority of the total requested costs: travel costs, expenses for organizing events (e.g. catering), student assistants (no TV-L-staff can be hired).

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 / 27,060 USD.

Application documents and funding: same as workshop and conferences.

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. Please note that teaching is not allowed if a faculty is applying for this opportunity during their sabbatical, per NYU policy.

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 replacement costs during their absence.
- Preferences regarding opportunities for the visiting professor to take part in the academic life at LMU

Application deadline and funding period

- Application deadline: July 14, 2024
- Notification: Mid-October 2024

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

Submission of applications

Applications for the research mobility should be submitted using their home institution's submission form.

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

Applications for the visiting professorship should be submitted to NYU by the applicant and to LMU by the host.

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

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Reporting

Successful applicants are expected to provide a brief report. A template for reporting will be sent to you at the end of the funding period. The report must be submitted within two months after the funding period.

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