

LMU-TAU Research Cooperation Program **2025 Calls for Applications**

Joint Research Projects

1. Introduction and Purpose

The “LMU-TAU Research Cooperation Program” is intended to support and promote joint research projects carried out by TAU and LMU research groups. Researchers affiliated with each institution [Principal Investigators (“PIs”)] are invited to jointly submit research proposals for the development of collaborative research projects and the exchange of researchers between TAU and LMU (a “Project”) under the terms and conditions described below.

2. Projects

- a) Up to four (4) joint projects will be selected by means of a call for applications issued jointly by the two institutions.
- b) To be eligible under the program, a project must include research team participants from both institutions. Eligibility to serve as the person responsible for the scientific and scholarly conduct of a project (the PI) will be determined in accordance with the policies and procedures of the relevant institution. Submissions are made jointly by two PIs, one from LMU and one from TAU, each submitting the same proposal for a project to his or her own institution. All proposals will be in English in a standard format as may be agreed by the institutions, including an abstract, detailed budget and CVs of the respective PIs.
- c) The proposals will be assessed and recommended for selection by a committee composed of members from both Institutions. The committee will operate under terms of reference established jointly by the institutions.
- d) Each project will be for one (1) fiscal year (January until December), unless otherwise agreed by the institutions.
- e) The funding provided by the universities is intended to support research expenses such as:
 - Travel and accommodation costs to or in Munich/Tel Aviv
 - Expenses for organizing events (e.g. catering, dissemination material)
 - Research support (e.g. student assistants; at LMU this category exclusively and in particular no E 13/14 TV-L personnel)
 - Publication costs
 - Reasonable research-related consumables and material expenses may also be funded.

3. Value and Funding Principles

Successful joint proposals will receive up to a maximum of 46,250 euros overall. TAU will provide each approved project up to 23,125 euros, and LMU will provide each approved project up to 23,125 euros, each in support of their respective researchers.

4. Eligibility

Eligible to submit proposals are TAU and LMU faculty members (at LMU: postdocs and professors employed at LMU on a fixed-hours basis). Collaborators from other institutions besides TAU and LMU are eligible to participate in projects but are not eligible for any financial support from TAU or LMU.

5. Intellectual Property

- a) Definitions. In this Call for Applications,
- i. "Background Intellectual Property" means Intellectual Property of a party that is: proprietary to that party and was conceived, created, or developed prior to the execution of this agreement, or will be conceived, created or developed following execution of this agreement independent of, any research performed pursuant to or related to this agreement or a project hereunder; and in each case, that is necessary for the performance of a project.
 - ii. "Foreground Intellectual Property" means Intellectual Property that is discovered, created or reduced to practice in the performance of a project.
 - iii. "Intellectual Property" (or "IP") means all intellectual property, including technical information, know-how, models, drawings, specifications, prototypes, inventions and software.
- b) Ownership
- i. Background Intellectual Property of a party shall remain the exclusive property of such party.
 - ii. LMU shall own all Foreground Intellectual Property created solely by LMU's personnel.
 - iii. TAU shall own all Foreground Intellectual Property created solely by TAU's personnel.
 - iv. Commercialization of Joint IP. Both parties will agree to negotiate in good faith the terms of an inter-institutional agreement through which the Joint IP may be commercialized.

TAU and LMU agree that each party has its own pre-existing proprietary rights that are not affected by this Call for Applications. If TAU personnel and LMU personnel are co-inventors of any result or invention, the parties will negotiate in good faith and enter into an inter-institutional agreement relating to the protection, use and commercialization of such joint result or invention.

6. Timeline

Call for Applications announced on TAU and LMU websites and/or distributed by email	5 September 2024
Closing date for submission of proposals	3 November 2024
Project adjudication: Projects will be reviewed by the TAU and LMU committee members, which will reach a mutual decision based on all votes of the committee members.	
Notification of results	19 December 2024
Funding period	1 January - 31 December 2025

7. Proposal Requirements

Submission to TAU or LMU must be in the form of standard internal grant submissions used by each university respectively, and must adhere to the guidelines listed in this Call for Applications, as follows:

- Title and description of the research project (up to 3 pages), including the expected outcome and outline of the longer-term benefits to both institutions
- Curriculum vitae of the cooperating partners at LMU and TAU (up to two pages each; top five relevant publications only)
- Planned timeline

- List of planned project participants (in particular, name and position/rank of persons for whom travel expenses are to be reimbursed)
- Detailed LMU and TAU budget, including other sources of funding
- List of planned further grant applications and planned publications, if applicable

8. Submission of Applications

- a) Applications are prepared and submitted jointly. Each application must be submitted on or before **3 November 2024** to both TAU and LMU by the respective PIs.
- b) No applications will be accepted after the deadline, nor will any addendum or explanation be accepted, unless those explicitly and formally requested by TAU or LMU.

To Apply: Joint applications should be submitted to both institutions by each institution's respective PI. TAU scholars should apply using the [Joint Projects](#) online submission form. LMU scholars should apply using the [LMU online submission form](#). Applications submitted by any other means will not be accepted.

9. Analysis and Selection

- a) The proposals will be subjected to an administrative review to ensure eligibility and will subsequently be reviewed by way of a competitive process which will evaluate the merit and relevance of the project, the academic excellence of the candidate, the relation of the proposed project to any ongoing research, and the interest of the two institutions. Proposals which do not comply with the terms of the Call for Applications will be considered "not qualified."
- b) The TAU Vice President, International and the LMU program coordinator, or their delegates, will convene a mutual *ad hoc* committee comprised of LMU and of TAU researchers to review, approve, and rank proposals received at their respective institutions. Up to four (4) joint proposals will be selected for funding.
- c) Selection of proposals for funding must be agreed to by both parties.

10. Result of the Analysis

Final results will be announced by email to the interested parties.

11. Grant Cancellation

TAU and LMU may cancel funding if, during the tenure of the award, one or more facts are deemed serious enough to warrant cancellation, at the discretion of the TAU Vice President International or the TAU program coordinator at LMU.

12. Information about the Call for Applications

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