

LMU - University of Tokyo (Todai) Cooperation in the Sciences Program
Call for Applications
- for the 2025 funding period -

The LMU – University of Tokyo Cooperation in the Sciences Program has been established to strengthen the academic collaboration between Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) and Tokyo University (Todai). The program is intended to support and promote innovative research across disciplines and foster cooperation in the sciences at both universities.

Funded Activities

The LMU - University of Tokyo (Todai) Cooperation 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. Research-related mobility for early-career researchers (doctoral candidates and postdocs of LMU)**
- 2. Workshops, conferences**
- 3. Seed funding for joint projects**
- 4. Visiting professorship at LMU for Todai professors**

1. Research mobility for early-career researchers (doctoral candidates and postdocs of LMU)

As part of the research cooperation with the University of Tokyo, doctoral candidates and postdocs from LMU can apply for the funding of an individual research-related stay at Todai. The stays serve to realize well-defined individual research projects that must be supported by a professor at LMU and supervised by a professor at Todai.

Funding

- **Doctoral students** can be funded for up to three months: daily allowance and accommodation of up to 2,700 € per month
- **Postdocs** can be funded for up to three months: daily allowance and accommodation of up to 3,500 € per month
- **Travel expenses:** within the program, only the max. of the assigned lump sum can be funded. Here: up to 1,400 € (to cover flight costs, transfer to/from the airport etc.)
- **Visa and registration fees at Todai**

Application documents

- Abstract, description of the planned project including the expected outputs and outcome of the research stay
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of recommendation from a professor at LMU
- Invitation letter: proof of existing contact with a professor at Todai in whose unit the research project will be developed

2. Workshops, conferences

In order to promote new and innovate research areas and to strengthen LMU-Todai collaborative networks, LMU researchers are invited to submit proposals for one or a series of workshops and/or conferences related to joint LMU-Todai projects. Target group: LMU faculty members and their research partners from Todai.

Funding

- Joint research **workshops and conferences** conducted by researchers from LMU and Todai will be supported with funding of up to 30,000 € for a topic-related workshop series, limiting the funding of a single event to a maximum of 15,000 €. The funding can be used for supporting mobility from and to Todai:
 - Travel expenses to Tokyo for LMU researchers, to Munich for Todai researchers, daily allowance and travel expenses within the proposed budget plan
- Publications and dissemination material related to the workshops/conferences can be funded with up to 3,000 € in accordance with the overall budget plan.
- Organization of the conference and catering can be funded in accordance with the budget plan.

Application documents

- Abstract and description of the conference, workshop or workshop series including the expected results and outcome with respect to the joint project (max. 5 pages)
- Curriculum vitae of the cooperating partners at LMU and Todai
- Budget plan, justifying the funds required and including other sources of funding (if applicable)
- Planned timeframe for the conference or workshop(s)
- For funded doctoral students: letters of recommendation from LMU and Todai supervisors

3. Seed funding for joint projects

In order to promote collaborative research projects between LMU and Todai, scholars can also be supported with seed grants. This support is intended for specific project-related purposes like the generation of preliminary data, preparation of grant applications, etc. Target group: LMU faculty members and their research partners from Todai. The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for is 15,000 €. Seed grants can be combined with the above-mentioned special funding for workshops and conferences. The maximum amount of funding through combined sources may not exceed 30,000 €.

The funding can be used for:

- Research-related consumables and material expenses, dissemination material in accordance with the budget plan, organization of meetings in Munich or Tokyo
- Mobility from and to Todai: travel expenses to Tokyo for LMU researchers, to Munich for Todai researchers, daily allowance and travel expenses within the proposed budget plan

Application documents

- Abstract and description of the planned joint project, including the expected outputs and outcome and the planned timeline, mentioning milestones and deliverables (max. 5 pages)
- Curriculum vitae of the cooperating partners at LMU and Todai
- Budget plan justifying the funds required and including other sources of funding (if applicable)

4. Visiting professorship at LMU for Todai professors (cooperation in the sciences)

Based upon a specific agreement (cooperation in the sciences), LMU may provide annual funds of up to 40,000 € for visiting professors from Todai, preferably from the field of physics, chemistry and biology. The visiting professor is expected to take part in academic life at LMU, e.g. by giving lectures, seminars and research presentations. The visiting professorship may be related to a current joint project. Applications for funding should be submitted by the LMU host unit.

Application documents

- Abstract and project description, including the research context in which the research work will be conducted and planned seminars, workshops or lectures; expected outputs and outcome of the visiting professorship (max. 5 pages)
 - Curriculum vitae and list of publications
 - Letter of invitation from a professor or academic unit at LMU
 - Budget plan justifying the funds required
 - Planned timeframe for the visiting professorship
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Application deadline for all funded activities

- 15 November 2024

Funding period for all funded activities

- January to December 2025

Submission of applications

- Please submit the application documents via the online portal:
[LMU application portal - strategic partnerships](#)

Selection of projects

- The selection of the projects will be conducted by a committee of experts nominated by LMU's Vice President for International Affairs and Diversity

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