LMU-UCB Research in the Humanities
Call for Applications for the 2025 funding period

Premise

In 2007, the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) and LMU Munich established a joint program to pursue innovative, collaborative research in the Humanities. The program facilitates academic exchange of faculty members, doctoral candidates and postdocs in the areas of the Humanities.

Eligibility

LMU faculties eligible for application within the LMU-UCB Research in the Humanities program are: Faculty of Catholic Theology, Faculty of Protestant Theology, Faculty of History and the Arts, Faculty of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and the Study of Religion, Faculty for the Study of Culture, Faculty of Languages and Literatures.

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

1. UCB Visiting professor

LMU Munich offers visiting professorships to UC Berkeley faculty. The professorships are open to tenure and tenure-track UCB faculty in the humanities and social sciences. The duration of each professorship is flexible; it may vary from three to nine months depending on individual needs and interests. For a detailed list of eligible departments and further information on funding criteria, please refer to www.lmu.de/international/ucb.

Application documents
- Research project description
- Curriculum vitae and list of publications
- Invitation letter: Proof of contact with a research partner at LMU
- Preferences with regard to giving a seminar, workshop or lecture at LMU
- Preferred period of stay in 2025
- Please also fill out and upload the following questionnaire (PDF, 45 KB)

Applications for the visiting professorship must be submitted by the LMU host (LMU professor). Preference will be given to Berkeley faculty who can demonstrate that Munich is a relevant location for their research and/or who have research partners at LMU Munich.

2. Research mobility for doctoral candidates and postdocs

Doctoral candidates and postdocs employed at LMU can apply for funding of a research stay at UCB. Doctoral candidates not employed at LMU need to have an LMU professor as first supervisor. The researchers will have the opportunity to present their projects to the relevant reading groups/colloquia at UCB. Please pay particular attention to the requirements stated on the program website: www.lmu.de/international/ucb.

Funding
- **Doctoral candidates** can be funded for up to three months: daily allowance and accommodation up to 2,700 euros per month
- **Postdocs** can be funded for up to six months: daily allowance and accommodation up to 3,500 euros per month
- Travel expenses up to 1,100 euros (flight costs, transfer to/from the airport)
- Visa and registration fees at UCB, limited to a maximum of 2,500 euros

Application documents
- Short description of the research project, as well as previous studies and research work relevant to the proposed project
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of recommendation from a professor at LMU
- Invitation letter: Proof of existing contact with a tenured professor at UCB in whose seminar the research project will be presented. If your contact person at UCB (primary collaborator) is not institutionally connected to the College of Letters & Science, you need to locate a second, co-collaborator in that College.
- Signed declaration of consent (please fill out and upload the following document (PDF, 204KB)

Academic party responsible for the respective program:
Prof. Dr. Martin Schulze Wessel, Professor of Eastern European History at LMU

3. Conferences/workshops and short-term research workshops

In order to promote new and innovative research areas within the humanities, LMU and UCB researchers are invited to submit joint proposals for one or a series of workshops and/or conferences. Proposals for research workshops aimed specifically at doctoral candidates are welcome. Please note that with regard to travel expenses, in general, the sending institution pays for the travel costs of its employees and the hosting institution takes over costs for catering etc. Therefore, please consider that travel expenses for UCB researchers need to be claimed at UCB. Target group: Postdocs and professors employed at LMU on a fixed-hours basis in collaboration with their research partners from UCB. Existing contacts with UCB researchers are a prerequisite.

Funding
- Joint research **workshops and conferences** conducted by researchers from LMU and UCB are supported with funding of up to 20,000 euros.
- For **short-term research workshops** funding of up to 3,000 euros per LMU researcher includes reimbursement for a stay of up to one month at UCB (minimum length of 7-14 days). One proposal can provide funding for up to two short-term research workshops with up to three LMU researchers per workshop.

Application documents
- Description of the conference, workshop or short-term research workshops (max. 3 pages), including the expected outcome
- Curriculum vitae of the cooperating partners at LMU and UCB
- 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 funds required and including other sources of funding (if applicable)
- Planned timeframe for the conference, workshop or short-term research workshops
- For doctoral candidates: letters of recommendation from LMU supervisors

Application deadline

- Application deadline: Sunday, 23 June 2024

Submission of applications

Applications must be submitted via the following online portal:
https://lmu.moveon4.de/form/64194c74fbc62b33ea3ebdda/eng

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 or the contact person in the team International networks.