

## LMU-UCB Research in the Humanities Call for Applications for the 2026 Funding Period

In 2007, the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) and LMU Munich established a joint program to pursue innovative, collaborative research in the humanities and humanistic social sciences. The program facilitates academic exchange of faculty, doctoral candidates, and postdocs. It also supports conferences and workshops conducted jointly by researchers from LMU and UCB.

### Eligibility

At LMU, faculties in the humanities as well as affiliated research centers are eligible for participation. For a list of faculties, please refer to [www.lmu.de/international/ucb](http://www.lmu.de/international/ucb). At UC Berkeley, departments, programs, and centers in the arts and humanities and humanistic social sciences within the College of Letters and Science are eligible for participation.

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 or UCB.

### Application Deadline

- Monday, March 31, 2025

### Funding Categories

#### 1.A UCB Visiting Professorships at LMU Munich

LMU Munich offers visiting professorships to tenured and tenure-track UCB faculty in the humanities and humanistic social sciences. Visiting professors will be given the opportunity to dedicate their time largely to their own research projects and to collaborative projects with LMU faculty. They will be asked to present their research at LMU through a seminar, workshop, or lecture. Visits may vary from three to nine months depending on individual needs and interests. Visiting professors are hosted by LMU faculty.

### Funding

- For the duration of the visit, LMU offers funding for accommodation and living expenses in Munich. Some research expenses may also be available.
- Travel expenses up to 1,500 USD provided by UCB

### Application Requirements

- Research project description of three to five pages with preference with regard to presentation of research
- Curriculum vitae and list of publications
- Invitation letter from a research partner at LMU with whom the applicant has established contact (LMU host)
- Please also fill out and upload [the following questionnaire \(PDF, 45 KB\)](#)

Applications for the visiting professorship must be submitted by the LMU host. 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.

For further information, please refer to [www.lmu.de/international/ucb](http://www.lmu.de/international/ucb).

## 1.B LMU Visiting Professorships at UC Berkeley

UCB offers visiting professorships to tenured LMU faculty in the humanities and humanistic social sciences. Visiting professors will be given the opportunity to dedicate their time largely to their own research projects and to collaborative projects with UCB faculty. They will be asked to present their research at UCB. Visits may vary from two weeks to six months depending on individual needs and interests. Visiting professors are hosted by UCB faculty.

### Funding

- For the duration of the visit, UCB offers funding for accommodation and living expenses in Berkeley.
- Travel expenses (flight and airport transfer) up to 1,500 euros provided by LMU
- Visa and university fees processed by UCB

### Application Requirements

- Research project description of three to five pages
- Curriculum vitae and list of publications
- Invitation letter from a research partner at UCB with whom the applicant has established contact
- Please also fill out and upload [the following questionnaire \(PDF, 45 KB\)](#)

For further information, please refer to [www.lmu.de/international/ucb](http://www.lmu.de/international/ucb).

## 2.A. Research Mobility for Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs at UCB

Doctoral candidates and postdocs who are supervised at LMU ("Erstbetreuung an der LMU") can apply for funding of a research stay at UCB. 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](http://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 (flight plus airport transfer) up to 1,100 euros
- Visa and university fees processed by UCB, limited to a maximum of 2,500 euros

### Application Requirements

- Research project description of three to five pages, 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 from a tenured professor at UCB who agrees to serve as the faculty host.
- Signed declaration of consent (please fill out and upload [the following document \(PDF, 204KB\)](#))

### Academic contact for this program at LMU:

Prof. Dr. Martin Schulze Wessel, Professor of Eastern European History

## 2.B. Research Mobility for Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs

### Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs at LMU

Doctoral candidates and postdoctoral fellows at UCB can apply for a research stay of up to three months at LMU. Researchers will have the opportunity to present their projects to the relevant reading groups/colloquia at LMU. Please pay particular attention to the requirements stated on the program website: [www.lmu.de/international/ucb](http://www.lmu.de/international/ucb).

#### Funding

- The program may provide modest funds for living expenses to supplement existing doctoral candidate stipend if not fully funded in the home department at UCB.
- For postdoctoral fellows, no additional funding is awarded for living expenses in excess of fellowship salary from UCB.
- Travel expenses (flight plus airport transfer) up to 1,500 USD provided by UCB.

#### Application Requirements

- Research project description of three to five pages, as well as previous studies and research work relevant to the proposed project. Detailed information about the research context at LMU in which the project will be presented.
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of recommendation from a professor at UCB.
- Invitation letter from a tenured professor at LMU who agrees to serve as the faculty host.

#### Academic contact for this program at UCB:

Prof. Dr. Debarati Sanyal, Professor of French

## 3. Conferences/Workshops and Short-Term Research Workshops

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 to be held at either institution. Proposals for research workshops aimed specifically at doctoral candidates are welcome. Existing contact with researchers at the partner institution is a prerequisite.

#### Funding

- LMU supports conferences and workshops conducted jointly by researchers from LMU and UCB with funding of up to 20,000 euros. UCB supports conferences and workshops conducted jointly by researchers from LMU and UCB with grants of up to 8,000 USD.
- For **short-term research workshops** funding of up to 3,000 euros per LMU researcher includes reimbursement for a stay of up to three weeks at UCB (minimum length of 7 days). One proposal can provide funding for up to two short-term research workshops with up to three LMU researchers per workshop.

#### Application Requirements

- Description of the conference, workshop or short-term research workshops (max. 3 pages), including the expected outcome
- Curricula 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 at each institution and including other sources of funding (if applicable). Please use the template provided.
- For doctoral candidates: letter of recommendation from the LMU or UCB supervisor.

For further information, please refer to [www.lmu.de/international/ucb](http://www.lmu.de/international/ucb).

### Submission of Applications

Applications must be submitted via the following online portal:

<https://lmu.moveon4.de/form/64194c74fbc62b33ea3ebdda/eng>

Only (Post-)doctoral candidates from UCB applying for research mobility to LMU use the following online portal:

<https://lmu.moveon4.de/form/64e86e38d88f28f4ea091318/eng>

### Reporting and Contact

Successful applicants are expected to fill out an online survey within two months after the funding period concludes.

For further information on the program, please refer to the [LMU website](#) or the designated [contacts at the respective institutions](#).

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