

## LMU-Bordeaux Research Cooperation Program

### Call for Applications

- for the 2025 funding period -

The LMU-Bordeaux Research Cooperation Program has been established to extend and deepen the collaboration between Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) and Université de Bordeaux (UBx). The program is intended to support and promote innovative research across disciplines and foster mobility of senior and young researchers from both universities.

The goal of the LMU-Bordeaux Research Cooperation Program is to support cooperation projects with a strong potential for institutional impact. Therefore, the submitted projects must be written from the partnership angle, highlighting the impact of planned actions on the development of the cooperation with the partner university.

### Funded activities

LMU or UBx faculty members (Principal Investigators (“PIs”)) are eligible to jointly submit proposals. Collaborators from other institutions besides UBx or LMU are eligible to participate in projects but are not eligible for any financial support from UBx or LMU. Each PI can only apply for a maximum funding amount of 7,500 euros per university, even if they apply for several types of activities (e.g. research mobility and research project).

### 1. Research mobility

Research mobilities aim to foster the exchange between researchers from LMU and UBx, typically between junior and senior researchers. They may be connected to a joint research project, but do not have to be. Nevertheless, there should be a clear scientific benefit of this exchange to both partners. They are intended for long research visits of more than two weeks. The institutions will reimburse the travel expenses according to their own regulations, ([LMU: Bavarian Travel Expenses Act \(Bayerisches Reisekostengesetz, BayRKG\)](#)) (UB [Intranet/Finances et comptabilité / Dépenses/Guide Missions](#))

UBx Applicants	LMU Applicants
<i>Doctoral Students</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duration: from 3 to 9 months</li> <li>Funding: 500 euros per month for accommodation and daily allowance and 350 euros for travel</li> </ul>	<i>Doctoral Students</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duration: up to 9 months</li> <li>Funding: up to 500 euros per month for accommodation and daily allowance and up to 350 euros for travel</li> </ul>
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<i>Principal Investigators (PIs)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duration: up to 1 month</li> <li>Funding: 700 euros per week for mobilities up to 2 weeks; 2,000 euros for mobilities of over 2 weeks; 500 euros for travel</li> </ul>	<i>Principal Investigators (PIs)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duration: up to 1 month</li> <li>Funding: up to 700 euros per week for mobilities of less than 2 weeks; up to 2,000 euros for mobilities longer than 2 weeks; up to 500 euros for travel</li> </ul>

### 2. Research projects

LMU and UBx researchers are invited to jointly submit research proposals for the development of collaborative research projects and to jointly publish their research results. Applicants for research projects are highly encouraged to seek for further funding opportunities, for example, the European Union or the ANR/DFG program.

**Funding:** 7,500 euros maximum per project / per university (maximum 15,000 euros per project)

- Funding will mainly support short-term travels of less than two weeks and costs associated with the organization of research activities (personal meetings, workshops etc.). For further information, please refer to the section "Budget regulations" below.

### 3. Conferences/workshops

LMU and UBx researchers are invited to jointly submit proposals for one or a series of workshops and/or conferences and to jointly publish their research results.

**Funding:** 5,000 euros maximum per project / per university (maximum 10,000 euros per project)

- Costs of conferences/workshops (e.g. catering, dissemination material) should generally be covered by the institution hosting the conference/workshop. The sending institution should cover travel expenses (e.g. flight and hotel) of their own employees.

### Budget regulations for projects and conferences/workshops

The application should include the funding categories that are relevant to the project. The funding categories are:

- Travel and accommodation costs to or in Munich/Bordeaux: The rates stated for research mobilities apply also for workshops and conferences. Each institution shall cover the travel expenses (e.g. flight and hotel) of their own employees.
- Expenses for organizing events (e.g. catering, dissemination material)
- Research support (e.g. student assistants; at LMU this category exclusively)
- Publication costs (open access publication included)
- Reasonable research-related consumables and material expenses may also be funded. Please note that expenditure on consumables requested from LMU need to be in balance with other types of costs and should not account for the majority of costs.

For calculating catering costs at LMU, please adhere to the LMU regulations ([Richtlinien zur Finanzierung von Bewirtungs- und Repräsentationsausgaben vom 1.3.2019](#) (accessible for LMU employees only)).

For calculating catering costs at Bordeaux University, please adhere to the UB regulations ([Prestation de service traiteur](#)) (accessible for UB employees only)).

### Application and funding period

Apart from the research mobility from UBx to LMU, please submit your applications via LMU the partner in the [LMU online submission portal](#). UBx researchers applying for research mobility are invited to submit via [the online submission form dedicated for UBx applicants](#). Please note that only one application per research activity is necessary.

**Deadline:** Sunday 23 March 2025

#### Application documents:

Please upload the following required documents via the respective online form (see links above):

- CV of the applicants from LMU and UBx (up to two pages each; top five relevant publications only)
- Project details should comprise (one pdf-document with max. 4 pages):
  - History of the partnership and previous cooperation actions
  - Description and objectives
  - Description and planning of activities to be carried out
  - Expected results and impact by listing planned further grant applications and planned publications
  - List of planned project participants (in particular, name and position/rang of persons for whom travel expenses are to be reimbursed)
- Detailed budget for UBx and LMU (in particular for research projects and workshops/conferences)
- Invitation letter from the host institution (for all mobilities)
- For doctoral students' mobility only: Letter of support by the PhD advisor from the home institution

Research activities should take place between **May and December 2025**.

## Reporting

Successful applicants are expected to provide a brief report on their activities and future plans. For this purpose, an online survey will be provided by the end of the funding period.

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