

LMU-Bordeaux Research Cooperation Program

Call for Applications

- for the 2026 funding period -

The LMU-Bordeaux Research Cooperation Program has been established to strengthen and further develop 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 early career and senior 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 perspective, explicitly showing how the planned actions will deepen institutional cooperation between LMU and UBx.

Funded activities

Funded activities for the 2026 funding period include

1. Research mobilities (early career and senior researchers)
2. Joint research projects
3. Conferences/workshops

1. Research mobilities

Research mobilities are designed to foster the exchange of researchers between LMU and UBx, typically involving junior and senior researchers. While they may be linked to a joint research project, this is not a requirement. However, there must be a demonstrable scientific benefit of the exchange for both partners. Mobilities are intended for long-term research visits of more than two weeks. Travel expenses will be reimbursed according to the regulations of the respective institution ([LMU: Bavarian Travel Expenses Act / Bayerisches Reisekostengesetz, BayRKG](#); UBx: Intranet/Finances et comptabilité / Dépenses/Guide Missions)

UBx Applicants	LMU Applicants
<i>Doctoral Students</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration: from 3 to 9 months Funding: €500 per month for accommodation and daily allowance; €350 for travel 	<i>Doctoral Students</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration: up to 9 months Funding: up to €1,350 per month for accommodation and daily allowance; €375 for travel
<i>Post-doc / Junior Researchers</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration: up to 9 months Funding: €500 per month for accommodation and daily allowance; €350 for travel 	<i>Post-doc / Junior Researchers</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration: up to 9 months Funding up to €1,350 per month for accommodation and daily allowance; €375 for travel
<i>Principal Investigators (PIs)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration: up to 1 month Funding: €700 per week for mobilities up to 2 weeks; €2,000 for mobilities of over 2 weeks; €500 for travel 	<i>Principal Investigators (PIs)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration: up to 1 month Funding: up to €700 per week for mobilities of less than 2 weeks; up to €2,000 for mobilities longer than 2 weeks; up to €500 for travel

2. Joint research projects

LMU and UBx researchers are invited to jointly submit proposals for the development of collaborative research projects and the joint publication of research results. Applicants are strongly encouraged to seek additional external funding opportunities (e.g., European Union programs, ANR/DFG calls) to build on the outcomes of the collaboration.

Eligibility: LMU or UBx faculty members acting as Principal Investigators (PIs) are eligible to jointly submit proposals. External collaborators from institutions other than UBx or LMU may be involved in the projects; however, they are not eligible for financial support from this program. Each PI may apply for a maximum funding amount of €7,500 per university. This cap applies even if multiple types of activities are combined (e.g., research mobility and joint research project).

For PIs on the UBx side, candidates must belong to a research unit (UR) or joint research unit (UMR) under the supervision or co-supervision of the University of Bordeaux. Applications that do not meet this criterion will not be considered.

Funding: Max. €7,500 per project / per university (max. €15,000 per project)

- Funding primarily supports short-term research visits of less than two weeks and expenses related to the organization of collaborative activities, such as personal meetings, workshops, or similar events. 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 with the aim of strengthening collaboration and producing joint research publications.

Funding: Max. €5,000 per project / per university (max. €10,000 per project)

- Hosting institutions are expected to cover the basic organizational costs of the event (e.g., catering, dissemination materials). The sending institution should cover travel expenses (e.g. flight and hotel) of their own employees participating in the event.

Budget regulations for projects and conferences/workshops

Applicants should clearly indicate which funding categories are relevant to their project. The following categories are eligible:

- Travel and accommodation costs for research visits to or in Munich/Bordeaux
- The same rates apply for research mobilities, workshops, and conferences.
- Each institution is responsible for covering the travel expenses (e.g., flights, accommodation) of its own employees.
- Expenses for organizing events, such as catering, dissemination materials, or related organizational costs.
- Research support, e.g., student assistants (available at LMU only).
- Publication costs, including open access fees.
- Research-related consumables and material expenses, provided they are reasonable and directly connected to the project.
- Please note: For LMU applicants, consumables should remain balanced with other budget items and must not account for the majority of the funding request.

For the calculation of catering costs, applicants must follow the respective institutional regulations:

- LMU: [Richtlinien zur Finanzierung von Bewirtungs- und Repräsentationsausgaben vom 1.3.2019](#) (accessible for LMU employees only).
- UBx: [Prestation de service traiteur](#) (accessible for UB employees only).

Application and funding period

All applications (with the exception of research mobility applications from UBx to LMU) should be submitted via [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 required.

Deadline: Sunday, 9 November 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 (max. 2 pages; top 5 relevant publications only)
- Project details should comprise (one PDF file with max. 4 pages):

- History of the partnership and previous cooperation activities
- Project description and objectives
- Planned activities and timeline
- Expected results and impact, including planned publications and further grant applications
- List of planned project participants (in particular, name and position/rang of individuals for whom travel expenses are to be reimbursed)
- Detailed budget for both UBx and LMU (mandatory for research projects and workshops/conferences)
- Invitation letter from the host institution (required for all mobilities)
- For doctoral student mobility only: Letter of support from the PhD advisor at the home institution

Research activities must be carried out between **January and December 2026**.

Reporting

Successful applicants are required to submit a brief report on the activities carried out and on future cooperation plans. For this purpose, an online survey will be provided at the end of the funding period.

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