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Call for projects in the field of Teaching – 2024

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The EGTC Eucor – The European Campus is a network of tertiary institutions comprising the universities of Basel, Freiburg, Haute-Alsace and Strasbourg and the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. The network sees itself as a leader in the field of science in the Tri-national Metropolitan Region Upper Rhine, and aims to become a regional scientific research hub without borders, and with international outreach.

Eucor – The European Campus is launching a call for projects to award start-up funds for cross-border projects at its member universities that are characterised by high academic quality, originality and relevance to the European Campus.

Within the framework of this call for projects, two streams of funding are envisaged. The first stream, “Research, Innovation and Transfer” includes programmes for doctoral training. The second stream supports projects in the field of “Teaching”. A total of 300,000 euros is available for the 2024 call.

GOALS

The Seed money funding “Teaching” is intended to **support and deepen teaching cooperation between the member universities of Eucor – The European Campus**. It also aims to fund **new, innovative projects** in the field of programme and teaching development.

The objective is to support projects that provide answers to the particular challenges of studying and teaching within Eucor – The European Campus and enable students and teachers to optimise benefits from the synergetic and/or complementary resources and competences in the Upper Rhine region.

The projects must have a clear innovative character and/or a lasting, positive effect on the joint teaching offered within Eucor – The European Campus. In addition to the development of new offers, the projects can also aim, for example, at the structural improvement of existing offers or the testing of new didactic concepts with model character (pilot projects).

We support the preparation of funding applications to national or European funding agencies (e.g. the Franco-German University DFH/UFA).

Start-up funding up to 60,000 EUR per project may be granted. The maximum project duration is 24 months. The earliest project start date is 1 February 2025. Any projects, including those for which only a smaller amount is requested, are welcome in the “Teaching” stream and can be funded.

REQUIREMENTS

The call for projects is open to university teachers who are members of one of the universities of the European Campus.

The project consortium envisaged must actively involve members of at least two universities of Eucor – The European Campus from at least two countries in the project. Project consortia with three partners or more are explicitly encouraged. **The maximum funding amount of 60,000 EUR is only available for project consortia consisting of at least three partner universities.**

The participation of other educational institutions as well as companies, public authorities or other cooperating non-scientific institutions, especially from the Upper Rhine region, is possible and encouraged, but their participation must be at their own expense. The project funded with Seed Money must be carried out within member universities of Eucor – The European Campus. Funding of educational institutions outside the EGTC Eucor – The European Campus is not possible.

In the case of projects aiming to develop new study programmes or significantly modify existing courses, prior consultation with the relevant departments at the participating universities (faculty management or central services) must take place. A declaration of consent from each of the project’s partner universities must be attached to the application. It is strongly recommended that contact be made as early as possible. For projects involving cooperation with administrative departments of the member universities, the department concerned must be informed in advance and the cooperation must be described in the application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND FORM OF SUBMISSION

Applications must be submitted by the leader of the project consortium **until 16 September 2024, 17:00 (Brussels time)** to the Secretariat of Eucor – The European Campus in electronic form via the online application form.

Applications can be written bilingually in German / French or in English. Please refer to the instruction sheet for projects in the field of teaching in Eucor – The European Campus.

Project funding begins on 1 February 2025 at the earliest. The maximum project duration is 24 months.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

Funding can be provided for expenses for personnel, including student assistants (however, not for the applicant's own position), expenses for material costs, for travel, as well as for conferences and workshops, for the use of university-owned service facilities, provided that they directly serve the project goals or the preparation of the targeted third-party funding application.

Expenses for construction and furnishing measures, for rent, operating and maintenance costs, for general institute equipment (such as IT equipment, office furniture, instruments, protective clothing), for the acquisition, replacement or repair of equipment, for postage, telephony and office supplies are not eligible.

For national specifics on the group of persons eligible to apply and on eligible expenses, please refer to the Seed Money guidelines for the use of funding.

The Seed Money guidelines for the use of funding are integral part of the grant. By accepting the granted funds, the applicants undertake to comply with these conditions.

SELECTION PROCEDURE AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The funding decision is made in a two-stage selection process.

In the first step, all submitted applications are evaluated by an ad-hoc commission of the EGTC Eucor – The European Campus with equal representation of professors from the member universities. The commission forwards up to ten positively evaluated applications to the Commission of Vice-Presidents of the EGTC Eucor – The European Campus.

In the second step, those applications receiving a positive assessment will be evaluated by the Commission of Vice-Presidents of Eucor – The European Campus in terms of their strategic relevance. The Assembly of the Presidents and Rectors of the member universities of the EGTC Eucor – The European Campus will make the final decision on the allocation of funds.

There is no legal entitlement to a grant.

The final funding decision will be announced at the end of December 2024.

The following evaluation criteria are applied in the selection of the funded projects:

- the didactic quality, originality and relevance of the concept
- the added value for students and teachers of the member universities
- the transferability of the concept to other courses and/or academic fields (transfer potential)

- The expected long-term structural effect on teaching and learning within Eucor – The European Campus
- For projects aiming at developing new study programmes or to significantly modify existing study programmes:
the suitability, complementarity with the study programmes already offered at the member universities (e.g. proven by surveys and market studies) and the plausibility of the concept in terms of financial and human resources with regard to the sustainability of the study programme (see “Requirements” above and the compulsory declaration of consent)
- the contribution of the project to the sustainable networking of the member universities
- the relevance of the project for strengthening the profile of the European Campus in teaching.

EXCLUSION FROM THE SELECTION PROCEDURE

By submitting the application, applicants confirm that the expenses for which funding is requested do not form part of other funding applications submitted in parallel to one or more other funding organisations.

Should such an application be submitted, the applicants undertake to inform the EGTC Eucor – The European Campus immediately upon submission.

Follow-up funding of projects already funded by Seed Money of the EGTC Eucor – The European Campus is not possible.