Networking funds Tübingen-Nottingham

General description of the call

With this call for application the University of Tübingen and the University of Nottingham wish to strengthen and to develop their collaboration built on already existing ties and joint research activities. Both universities will make funds available for the call. Furthermore, the University of Tübingen strongly supports the networking with the University of Hohenheim and the University of Stuttgart, providing additional funds.

This is an open call, however applications in the below areas are particularly welcome:
- Quantum Physics, Gravitation/Gravitational Waves and Mathematics
- Molecular Biology
- Precision Imaging
- Food security & Agriculture
- Plant science & Nutrition
- Humanities & Social sciences

Project proposals that are interdisciplinary and/or focusing on Africa related research are particularly encouraged for submission.

Objectives

- Strengthening of the ties between Tübingen and Nottingham and broadening of the existing partnership
- Development of joint applications for large external grants
- Joint publications in peer reviewed journals

Funding Available:

Joint research projects: 4 PhD positions can be funded and will be co-supervised by staff from both Nottingham and Tübingen. Up to 2 studentships to be hosted by Nottingham and 2 to be hosted by Tübingen. Duration is 3 years (with an option to further extend for one year in justified cases) at Tübingen, 3-4 years at Nottingham.

Schedule:

Duration of the call: 26 August – 17 October 2021
Selection committee meeting: November 2021
Project start: January 2022, studentships should not start later than July 2022
Joint research projects

What can be funded:

- 4 PhD positions (2 in Tübingen and 2 in Nottingham), featuring supervision from both institutions
- Travel costs between partner universities (up to 5,000 EUR/project)
- Tuition waver for research stays in Nottingham for up to 12 months.

At Nottingham, each studentship package will include funding for the following, for up to 4 years in duration:

- Stipend (based on standard UKRI amount, i.e. beginning in 2021/22 at £15,609 and rising with inflation)
- Training & Consumables (up to £5,000 per year)
- Travel supplement to support travel to Tübingen (up to £1,250 per year)
- Tuition fee-based studentship (home or international fee status)

At Tübingen, each studentship package will include the following:

- 1 PhD Position (65% TVL E-13)
- Duration 3 years (with an option to further extend for one year in justified cases)
- 5,000 EUR/project travel costs for travels to Nottingham
- Additional funds (research funds/travel costs – up to 5,000 EUR/year) in case of involvement of the University of Hohenheim and/or University of Stuttgart

Projects duration:

- 3 years (with an option to further extend for one year in justified cases) at Tübingen
- 3-4 years at Nottingham

Eligibility:

- Applicants/PIs must be academic staff at either Nottingham or Tübingen Universities who are qualified to supervise PhD students
- Joint supervision of both universities
- Additional partners from the University of Hohenheim and University of Stuttgart can be involved
- Successful research projects are expected to result in joint publications and third-party funding applications

Application documents:

- Complete attached application form
- Working plan, including the measures and milestones (maximum 2 pages)
- CVs and list of relevant publications of all applicants (3-4 pages)
- List of joint publications and projects (if applicable)
Selection criteria:

- Academic quality of the proposed research including ambition, significance and originality
- Alignment with priority areas
- Clarity of intentions, including timetable of submission of publications and targeted external funding scheme
- Quality of the concept for joint supervision
- Embedding of equality, diversity and inclusion aspects