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.

Applications are welcomed from any academic fields, however preference is given to interdisciplinary proposals.

Existing Networking Funds award holders are eligible to apply to this call but must demonstrate clear advancement from the existing award, otherwise preference is given to new/previously unsuccessful applicants.

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:

Seed and mobility projects: duration max. 2 years with a budget of up to €50,000/project.

Schedule:

Application deadline for the seedcorn (preparatory) projects: 19th March 2023
Selection committee meeting: March 2023
Project start: April 2023
Funding line A - Seedcorn (preparatory) projects

Projects with a duration of max. 2 years and a budget of up to €50,000/project.

What can be funded:

- Travel, accommodation and subsistence
- Consumables and facilities costs for a proof-of-principle, or basic research study
- Facilitation of a workshop with potential academic or non-academic partners, with the aim of refining the content and objectives of a research proposal, or developing strategies for external impact
- Catering and room hire
- Administrative costs of organising meetings or workshops
- Market research
- Ad-hoc / short-term assistance from a research assistant (RA)

Eligibility

- Applicants/ PIs must be academic staff at either Nottingham or Tübingen Universities (or equivalent with the duration of stay equal to the applied funding period) at any stage of their careers
- Existing award holders are eligible but must demonstrate clear advancement from their current award, otherwise preference is given to new/previously unsuccessful applicants
- Additional external partners can be involved; however, a strong argument should be made where the external partners’ contribution exceeds 20%
- Applicants must have expertise in the applied projects
- Projects incorporating Early Career Researchers (ECRs) or postgraduate students are encouraged

Selection criteria:

- Academic quality of the proposed research including ambition, significance and originality
- Importance of seed funding for the likely success of any future, external grant application
- Demonstration of interdisciplinarity
- Clarity of intentions, including timetable of submission and targeted external funding scheme
- Value for money of the targeted external funding

Proposals will be jointly evaluated by a panel which includes senior academics from each university.