

Geneva/Exeter Collaborative Research Seed Grants

Call for Proposals

DEADLINE: 14 MAY 2018

Purpose of the Grant

The Geneva/Exeter Collaborative Grants program is designed to provide “seed-corn” support for interactions between researchers at both institutions to build the basis for new research and teaching initiatives and proposals for external funding (to help sustain and expand collaborative activity).

The total grant pot available in this first call is CHF 30,000 and will be awarded on merit. The seed grant will be awarded with a maximum amount of CHF10,000 (CHF 5,000 equivalent support from each partner). The maximum project duration will be one year from the date of the award letter.

Application Process

Exeter and Geneva faculty are invited to submit new proposals for collaborative projects using a common application form. Proposals may come from individual faculty members or a group of faculty but should have Exeter and Geneva faculty members as co-PI's (Principal Investigator) in all cases. Main applicants may be of any faculty rank, but must be a regular member of the faculty (not post-docs, visiting scholars, or those on contracts with less than 12 months remaining). At UNIGE, the proposal must include a statement of support from a full professor if the PI does not have this status. At Exeter, the proposal must be supported by the Colleges Associate Dean for International and Development (ADID).

A joint proposal should be submitted by the PIs on the web platform at <http://applications.unige-cofunds.ch/>

Selection Process and Criteria

The universities are especially interested to fund projects that:

1. Establish a foundation for collaboration beyond the funded term, with potential to receive external support (grants and awards) and to develop joint activities such as joint teaching programs, institutionalized research collaboration, etc.
2. Emphasize new connections and collaborations (rather than fund already established partnerships or continue projects funded under this program);
3. Evidence the strategic importance of the project for the institutions and entities involved;
4. Clearly contribute added academic value and benefits to the respective institutions
5. Provide a budget that is reasonable and appropriate to the scope and duration of the project.
 - Grant funds may not be used to pay salaries or stipends of any kind.

- Grant funds are only available for use by Exeter and UNIGE partners as identified in the proposal. They are not available for use by third parties.

The grant review committees at Geneva and Exeter will liaise to jointly determine which projects will be funded.

Funding

Each university will provide its own lead investigator with an equivalent amount of funds that can be spent over the course of the grant period on travel, accommodations, workshops, facilities use and other expenses related to meetings or the preparation of external funding proposals, as specified at the time of the proposal.

Closing Date

The call for proposals closes **14 MAY 2018**.

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