
**Presidential Matching Funds between TU Darmstadt, Germany,
TU Braunschweig, Germany, and University of Rhode Island**

2021/2022 Call for Applications for

Joint Collaborations in Research and Teaching

As an expression of their commitment to support collaborations between their two institutions, the Presidents of University of Rhode Island, TU Braunschweig, TU Darmstadt have provided joint funding. URI is proud to announce the **second call for proposals** for the purpose of **initiating or continuing joint collaborations in research and educational programs** (seminars, guest lectures, virtual activities, etc.). Funding will be available for travel, workshops, and material expenses with verifiable reference to the partnership. At URI, faculty are eligible to apply. Faculty leading teams that include postdoctoral researchers and doctoral students may also apply.

Proposals submitted by URI faculty will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary selection committee consisting of URI members.

Proposals submitted by members of TU Darmstadt will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary selection committee consisting of TU Darmstadt members.

Proposals submitted by members of TU Braunschweig will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary selection committee consisting of TU Braunschweig members.

Committees will share information about the list of submitted projects as appropriate.

The following **selection criteria** are in place:

Selection Criteria

1. Quality of Cooperation

The project contributes to an improvement in the quality of research/teaching/studies and to the promotion of young researchers; the following aspects are important:

- a) The topic is **innovative**
- b) There are interested and qualified partners **on both sides**

2. The proposed project serves one of the following goals:

- a) **Initiating** a new cooperation
- b) **Continuing** a successful cooperation
- c) **Broadening** of the cooperation

d) **Deepening** of the cooperation

3. Project Configuration

- a) Contacts exist on both sides
- b) Concrete and realistic objectives are formulated
- c) Time allocation of work and cultural/leisure activities is appropriate as permitted by regulations
- d) The involvement of the partner university's stakeholders is visible

Procedure of Application

Applications should include:

- A proposal addressing the intended activity (not to exceed one page)
- An itemized budget to include any other funding secured or applicable to the activity addressed in the proposal (if applicable)
- Short Curriculum Vitae
- Invitation letter/Cooperation letter of the contact person at the partner university

Submission:

Complete application with subject heading **TU Darmstadt & URI Matching Funds** or **TU Braunschweig & URI Matching Funds** should be sent to

- **For URI applicants:** uriglobal@etal.uri.edu Questions may be addressed to Vice Provost for Global Initiatives, Gifty Ako-Adounvo at gako-adounvo@uri.edu .

The application deadline for activities in 2022 is September 30, 2021.

Conditions for Funding

Funding is subject to compliance with the above-mentioned criteria, a positive review by the selection committee, the clearance of the presidents or provosts and the resources available. Additionally, a short report of at least one page containing the most important results and consequent and planned next steps needs to be submitted after the completion of the funded activity.