



LMU – China Academic Network

Call for Applications

- for the 2024 funding period -

The LMU – China Academic Network (ChAN) has been established to strengthen the academic collaboration between Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) and the following universities in Mainland China and Hong Kong (alphabetic order):

Fudan University, Nanjing University, Peking University, Renmin University of China, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Sun Yat-sen University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The University of Hong Kong, Tongji University, Tsinghua University and Zhejiang University. The program is intended to support and promote innovative research across disciplines and foster cooperation in the sciences with these universities.

Funded Activities

The LMU - ChAN is open to all academic fields and recognizes the different cultures and requirements across disciplines. The following activities will be funded within the cooperation program:

- 1. Research mobility for early-career researchers (doctoral candidates and postdocs)**
- 2. Seed funding for joint projects and conferences**
- 3. Workshop at the LMU-ChAN Scientific Forum 2024 at Fudan University**

1. Research mobility for early-career researchers (doctoral candidates and postdocs)

Doctoral candidates and postdocs from LMU can apply for the funding of an individual research-related stay at one of the network universities. The stays serve to realize well-defined individual research projects that must be supported by a full professor at LMU and supervised by a tenured professor at the partner institution.

Funding

- Doctoral students and Postdocs can be funded for up to three months: flight, daily allowance and accommodation up to the LMU-ChAN funding rates 2024 (s. appendix)
- Visa fees

Application documents

- Abstract, description of the planned project including the expected outputs and outcome of the research stay
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of recommendation from a full professor at LMU
- Invitation letter: proof of existing contact with a tenured professor at a LMU-ChAN partner university in whose unit the research project will be developed

2. Seed funding for joint projects and conferences

In order to promote new and innovate research areas and to strengthen LMU-ChAN collaborative networks, scholars can also be supported with seed grants. This support is intended for specific project-related purposes like a joint workshop (series) and/or conferences, the generation of preliminary data, preparation of grant applications, etc.

Target group: LMU faculty members and their research partners from at least one LMU-ChAN partner university. The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for is 15,000 euros.

Seed grants can be combined with a workshop at the LMU-ChAN Scientific Forum. If combined the maximum amount of seed funding is 10,000 euros.

The funding can be used for:

- Mobility from and to China: travel expenses to China for LMU researchers, to Munich for LMU-ChAN researchers, daily allowance and travel expenses within the proposed budget plan (please refer to LMU-ChAN funding rates 2024).
- Organization of meetings in Munich or at the involved partner institution.
- Joint research workshops and conferences conducted by researchers from LMU and LMU-ChAN partner institutions. Organization of the conference and catering can be funded in accordance with the budget plan.
- Publications and research-related dissemination material related to the workshops/conferences can be funded with up to 3,000 euros in accordance with the overall budget plan.

Joint projects with Zhejiang University (ZJU) or Renmin University of China (RUC) only please apply for the separate Joint Call (RUC call for 2024 to be released in the beginning of 2024, ZJU call for 2025 to be released in late summer 2024).

Application documents

- Abstract and description of the planned joint project/workshop/conference, including the expected outputs and outcome and the planned timeline, mentioning milestones and deliverables (max. 5 pages)
- Curriculum vitae of the cooperating partners at LMU and the LMU-ChAN partner university
- Budget plan justifying the funds required and including other sources of funding (if applicable)
- Planned timeframe
- List of project participants (in particular name and position/rang of persons for whom travel expenses are to be reimbursed)
- For doctoral students to be funded: letters of recommendation from LMU and LMU-ChAN supervisors

3. Workshop at the LMU-ChAN Scientific Forum 2024 at Fudan University

The annual Scientific Forum is an important element of the network's structure. The Forum not only serves to generate ideas for collaborative ventures in research, it also helps to nurture and extend existing contacts and interactions. The symposium comprises lectures and workshops with between 70 and 100 participants. It brings together both established and early-career researchers from LMU and China.

In 2024 the Scientific Forum will take place from 25-27 September 2024 at Fudan University in Shanghai under the topic "Forward thinking".

The general event (venue, hotel, flights, etc.) will be organized by the International Offices of both universities – participating researchers are responsible for the content-related organization of the workshop.

Target group: LMU faculty members and their research partners from LMU-ChAN partner universities.

Workshops that include speaker(s) from Fudan University (Host University of the Forum) will be given priority in the selection process.

Funding

- A workshop at the LMU-ChAN Scientific Forum conducted by researchers from LMU and LMU-ChAN partner institutions with funding for up to 10 speakers (=max. number of speakers for each workshop incl. both LMU + LMU-ChAN universities).
- Successful workshop applications will receive their support only by means of the following services provided:
 - LMU speakers: Flight costs for up to 1,500 euros, visa expenses to China and hotel accommodation as well as 3 meals per day for LMU speakers (no daily allowance)
 - LMU-ChAN speakers: Hotel accommodation (if applies) and 3 meals per days; travel costs within China shall be borne by the respective home universities

A workshop at the Forum can be combined with seed funding for joint projects (e.g. to extend a stay for further research).

Application documents

- Title, abstract and description of the workshop including the expected results and outcome with reference to the topic of the forum – "Forward thinking" (max. 4 pages)
- List of speakers at the workshop with the prospective topic of their presentation (in particular name and position/rang of persons for whom travel/hotel expenses are to be reimbursed)
- Program schedule and duration of the workshop (planned order and duration of the presentations, schedule in hours – breaks not included)
- Curriculum vitae of all speakers from LMU and LMU-ChAN partner universities
- For funded doctoral students to participate as speakers: letters of recommendation from LMU and LMU-ChAN supervisors

Application deadline for all funded activities

Monday, 5 February 2024, 11.59 PM

Funding period for all funded activities

April to December 2024

