Call for applications: Zukunftskolleg Intersectoral Cooperation Programme 2022

This program aims to develop cooperations between researchers (non-tenured) of the University of Konstanz and the non-academic sector both from Germany and abroad. The involvement of one Fellow of the Zukunftskolleg in the project should be aimed for. Grants will be given to support cooperations that foster joint research projects with mutual benefits, research dissemination and public outreach initiatives. The program provides opportunities for researchers to work with industrial partners, companies, social institutions, cultural institutions, archives, public bodies, or non-profit organisations.

Different forms of collaboration are possible as long as the projects can be shown to involve substantial and balanced involvement from all partners and produce mutual benefits. Possible collaborations could take form of (non-exhaustive list): implementation of research projects, tests or experiments, co-production of academic publications, organisation of scientific workshops, conferences or public events, realisation of field studies, development and implementation of teaching courses or planning of exhibitions.

In line with the multidisciplinary character of the Zukunftskolleg, the program is open to all non-tenured researchers, holding a PhD (e.g. postdoctoral researchers, research group leaders, Junior Professors etc.) of the University of Konstanz.

The Zukunftskolleg of the University of Konstanz offers up to

3 Grants of up to 10,000 €

The grant may cover travel and accommodation costs, consumables and staff costs (student assistants). All external partners are expected to contribute to the partnership through in-kind contributions such as: the provision of services and facilities (office space, laboratories, conference venues, etc.), professional services or expertise in the form of staff time, provision of or access to equipment and special materials, travel/ accommodation costs within the project, etc. Their commitments should be specified in the letters of interest provided by the partners.

Applications should include:

- Abstract of the intended project. In case of a positive decision, the abstract will be published on the homepage of the Zukunftskolleg
- Detailed description of the intended project (max. 3 pages) explaining the theoretical and practical goals and objectives of the collaboration, the motivation for the cooperation and the specific choice of partners, resulting mutual benefits, potential for longer term cooperation (if applicable), and public impact (if applicable).
- Short profiles of partner institutions and individual partners or project teams
- Curriculum vitae and list of most relevant publications of the applicant; maximum 3 pages
- Proof of the employment or of the scholarship at the University of Konstanz
• Timeline for the proposed activities
• An expenditure plan for the year 2022
• Proof of cooperation interest of the external partner (i.e. letters of interest)

Researchers who already received funding via the intersectoral programme are not excluded from this call. In case of a planned continuation of the work with the same partner, an additional motivation and report of the outcomes within the first funding period are expected. Applications from new candidates are strongly encouraged.

At the end of the project, we expect a final report on how the project goals were or were not achieved (1 page).

Contract negotiations with external partners:

Please note that once your project is approved it might be necessary to sign a cooperation agreement with your cooperation partner. Fellows can use the University’s cooperation agreement templates which are available under: https://www.uni-konstanz.de/wissens-und-technologie-transfer-wtt/forschungsvertrage/vertragsmuster/ or, if proposed so by the partner, use the partner’s own model contract. In both cases, support with all legal questions and negotiations can be provided by the Division for research funding administration and technology transfer of the University of Konstanz (Link: https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/division-of-financial-affairs/research-funding-administration-and-technology-transfer/)

Please submit your application documents in English as a PDF file to: zukunftskolleg@uni-konstanz.de

Deadline: February 15, 2022 – uni.kn/zukunftskolleg

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1 During the time of Corona pandemic, many research projects had their trajectories hindered due to strained communication with colleagues, collaboration partners and research participants. Please pay attention to the potential disruptions when preparing the work plan for the proposed collaboration.