

Call for Joint Online Courses in the Academic Year 2021-2022

Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) – The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI)

With the goal of advancing German-Israeli Scientific Cooperation both in research and teaching, Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI), as part of their strategic partnership, are launching an initiative to develop and conduct joint digital and blended learning, teaching and mobility formats. The call is part of the project German-Israeli Virtual Campus (GIVCA) between both universities.

The reality imposed by Covid-19 has significantly heightened the relevance and the need for more joint international online courses. FUB and HUJI are thus seeking pairs of academic staff – 1 HUJI and 1 FUB as “teaching tandems” – who will deliver joint online courses and design joint digital courses that can be implemented into the curricula as regular offers.

Fields: Open to all fields. The funding scheme is not limited to a specific academic field, and the activities may either focus on a single discipline or be of interdisciplinary nature.

Funding: Up to 6.000 Euro per joint course. Eligible expenses include: personnel (on external contract basis), consumables, travel expenses as well as university internal expenses for the local production of digital teaching materials, i.e. lecture recordings. There are service units for digital teaching and learning both at FUB (CeDiS) and HUJI (Unit for Teaching and Learning) that should be consulted as soon as a call participation is planned, see contact list below. These service units can act as subcontractors.

Course Frameworks:

- Intensive short-term joint courses
- Long-term joint courses (1-2 semesters)
- Joint online lecture series
- Other formats, especially blended formats combining on- and off-line components

All formats should include joint digital teaching and learning activities, i.e. lecture recordings, live sessions via web conference, use of online tools like wikis, blogs etc. These can include blended mobility as a combination of digital teaching and on-site teaching, i.e. workshop either at FUB or HUJI for course participants and/or PIs.

Concept, content and teaching materials of each online lecture or joint course should be developed on a “fifty-fifty-basis” by FUB faculty and HUJI faculty.

Individual lectures may be prepared and produced (filmed, etc.) with the support of the local e-learning units at FUB and HUJI.

Please note: all teaching materials, as well as further information on GIVCA, are to be developed / published according to the GIVCA Styleguide in place, see attached as well as: <https://www.givca.org/>. Furthermore, it is planned to publish single teaching materials as project examples on this website.

Timeframe: The proposed activities should commence and conclude during the 2021/22 academic year.

Participants: Courses will be open to registered FUB and HUJI students.

Teaching Load: Each lecturer will receive the full teaching load at his/her institution.

Selection Criteria:

Funding for joint online courses will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint FUB-HUJI committee, lending particular attention to the following criteria:

- Excellence of course proposal
- Level of synergy between the lecturers, students and institutions
- Contribution to the departments/institutions' curriculum
- Quality and sustainability of the digital / blended teaching and mobility format
- Sustainability of the cooperation beyond the initial seed money funding phase

Application and Submission:

Proposals should be jointly submitted by FUB and HUJI faculty in English. Proposals should not exceed **4 pages** and must include the following information:

- Course title, description and tentative syllabus
- Course timeframe
- Budget
- Written statement of endorsement from respective FUB/HUJI faculty/department
- CV of both instructors

Researchers should submit their joint proposal simultaneously to FUB and HUJI. Proposals should be sent electronically to the following addresses:

Freie Universität Berlin:

Mr. Hans-Martin Meis, Center for International cooperation, E-Mail: hans-martin.meis@fu-berlin.de

Hebrew University of Jerusalem:

Ms. Keri Rosenbluh, International Programs, E-Mail: keriro@savion.huji.ac.il

Deadline: Joint proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file by **31 January, 2021**.

Further Information:

For information regarding the application process please contact the above-listed staff.

For consultation regarding concept development and implementation of the digital formats and scenarios, please contact the service units for e-learning at both universities:

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Hebrew University of Jerusalem: Online Teaching Director, Michal Ramot, E-Mail: michal.ramot1@mail.huji.ac.il