



ECR Program

December 2020

**Funding within the strategic partnership between
Kyoto University (KU) and the University of Zurich (UZH)
Call for ECR Mobility Program Proposals 2021 (“ECR Program”)**

In July 2020, Kyoto University (KU) and the University of Zurich (UZH) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding to form a joint strategic partnership. With the goal of initiating and strengthening their cooperation in research and education, KU and UZH have launched a funding scheme to support joint projects. The funding shall enable KU and UZH faculty and researchers to identify complementary strengths, facilitate the use of synergies, and promote the future development of outstanding projects.

The objective of this joint funding ECR Program is to develop and deepen sustainable collaboration and exchange in fields in which it is currently ongoing between the partner institutions. The involvement of early career researchers (ECRs) in the exchange and collaboration is deemed to be a vital factor in ensuring its sustainability. To this end, KU and UZH call for proposals for mobility programs for early career researchers in order to deepen their existing research links in the following fields: Law, Mathematics, Morphology, Natural Anthropology, Immunology, Stem Cell Biology, Plant Science, History, Japanese Studies, Dermatology.

UZH: Up to 3,000 CHF for UZH per person for UZH researchers visiting KU

KU: Up to 300,000 JPY per person for the travel expenses of 3–4 KU researchers visiting UZH, to facilitate short term research stays, for example

Eligible persons: assistant professors, master’s/PhD students, and post-doctoral research fellows.

The proposed activities should be conducted during the period April 2021 to early March 2022. Travel expenses will be provided in accordance with the applicable regulations of each university.

Selection criteria

Funding for joint activities will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint KU-UZH committee, giving particular attention to the following criteria:

- A clearly formulated activity plan (comprehensible to non-expert reviewers).
- Potential for strengthening institutional links between KU and UZH.
- Potential for the development of sustainable research collaboration and exchange.
- Potential for acquiring third party funding in the future.

Submission and deadline

Proposals for the KU-UZH funding scheme should be submitted by candidates who are full-time faculty members of KU or UZH, or, in the case of students and postdoctoral research fellows, by the candidate’s academic supervisor. Proposals must be submitted in English. The required application documents are as follows:



- 1) **Completed application form, including:**
 - a. **Project title**
 - b. **Description of the planned activities (length max. 2 pages)**
 - c. **Preferred schedule for the visit**
- 2) **Complete CVs of the visiting researchers**
- 3) **A letter of invitation issued by the host researcher at the host university**

Deadline: proposals must be submitted by **7:59 (JST) 20 February / 23:59 (CET) 19 February 2021**.

A report of the program must be submitted after its completion. The report shall be made publicly available.

Proposals should be sent electronically **to both of the following addresses simultaneously:**

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