



THE CENTRE VIRCHOW-VILLERME CALLS FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR 2014

Two institutions, Sorbonne Paris Cité (SPC) and the Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin, call for project proposals aimed at fostering new collaborative initiatives in research between France and Germany. This call builds on the diversity of its partners to promote durable cooperations in the field of public health.

Research projects directed towards the comparison of public health systems in France and Germany will be welcomed and should focus on specific issues such as environmental health, urban health, urban policy, migration and impact on health, aging, prevention, technology and health, health care systems, as well as public health policy and management

ELIGIBILITY

The call for joint projects is open to doctoral students and postdocs of any discipline (i.e. maximum of five years after Ph.D. degree) from SPC mother institutions (Universités Sorbonne Nouvelle –Paris 3, Paris Descartes, Paris Diderot, Paris 13 and EHESP, Sciences Po, Inalco, IGP) or Charité-Universitätsmedizin and Berlin institutions, that have a teaching focus on any aspect of public health, e.g. epidemiology, public policy, urban affairs, etc. (FU, TU, HU, ASH, MDC, BSPH). Master-students seeking an internship (or just post-master within the year after the master degree) may propose an individual project or a group project involving 2-4 master students. However, preference will be given to doctoral students and postdocs.

Projects must be submitted by a supervisor in the case the applicant is a master's student, or jointly, by the supervisor and the student, if the applicant is a doctoral student, or for postdocs by themselves.

Priority will be given to projects which include several institutions within Charité and SPC (or both) and thus promote collaborations. Third parties might be part of the joint project team as long as the team is composed of one faculty member from SPC and/or one from Charité. Each project will be funded with a maximum of 5 000 euros for master's internships or applicants holding a master's degree, 20 000 euros for doctoral students and 30 000 euros for post doctoral applicants. Awards may fund salaries.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Language (French, German, English). We encourage applicants to write proposals in the language with which they feel most comfortable
- Cover page. Includes the project title, e-mail, telephone number and affiliation of the applicant's team e.g. doctoral students and supervisor
- Abstract. Outlines the project in one to three paragraphs
- Narrative (3 pages maximum). Describes the research question, theoretical foundations, existing literature, empirical and methodological facets, the need and value of French-German comparisons, potential of the project for future endeavours between the involved institutions, and the possibility of external funding

- Detailed budget (one page). Details the budget of the research project with amounts specified by categories (salaries, travel, hosting workshop, research consumables, living allowance at the partner institute) and a provisional timeline
- Applicant's curriculum vitae

PROPOSALS MAY INCLUDE

- Salaries (financial appendices)
- Thematic workshops with students and faculty members from both institutions
- Joint conferences and seminars
- Travel allowances for SPC faculty or student wishing to spend significant time at Charité, or vice versa, as part of a research project

REVIEW PROCESS

Applications are assessed under the responsibility of the International Advisory Board (IAB) of the Centre Virchow-Villermé.

The evaluation will take into account the academic quality of the project, the willingness to set up collaborations between partner institutions, the value of the French/German partnership, the appropriateness of the budget, the quality of the team, as well as the potential for further collaborations and external funding.

REQUIREMENTS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Project timeline. The first project-related expenses should be incurred within one year of the date of award. All expenses and activities should be incurred within one year from the date of the first expense. Extensions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Evaluation. Recipients must commit themselves to provide and present their results at a workshop organized and paid by Centre Virchow-Villermé..
- Acknowledgements and credits. Recipients are expected to acknowledge the financial support of the Centre Virchow-Villermé in any publication or presentation, which should be listed in the progress reports.
- Payment of the grant. The grant will be awarded via reimbursement based on original receipts. The payment and post-award financial management should be administered through the existing practice at the lead PI's institution.

CONTACT INFORMATION / SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Application must be send to the following both Email addresses:

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Deadline for receipt of applications: March 15th, 2014.

Results will be announced in May 2014.