

CENTRAL Workshops 2020: Call for proposals

As a strategic cooperation between **Charles University**, **Eötvös Loránd University**, **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**, the **University of Vienna** and the **University of Warsaw**, CENTRAL sets standards in institutional collaboration between large central European research universities. Founded in 2014, the European network of universities supports multilateral cooperation between partners in research and teaching, and promotes the internationalisation of junior researchers and students.

CENTRAL funding supports **joint research proposals/projects** from universities represented in the CENTRAL network **by subsidizing preparatory workshops**.

Members of

- Charles University,
- Eötvös Loránd University,
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin,
- the University of Vienna
- the University of Warsaw,

may submit a joint application **in teams** spanning at least **three institutions** to cover the costs of up to two workshops (duration: up to three days). The teams should **clearly integrate junior researchers**. The budget available will allow funding for 10 to 13 workshops. The workshops may take place at any of the CENTRAL universities. Each of the CENTRAL partner universities will host one workshop. The other workshops will be hosted by the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. **Workshops must take place in 2020.**

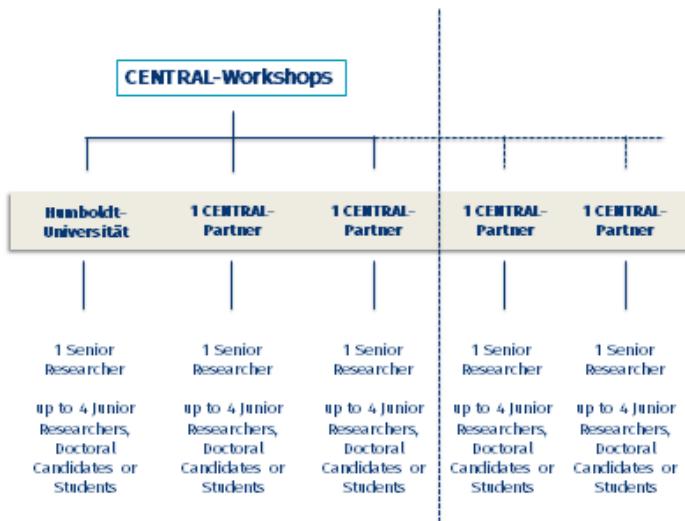
Aims of the workshops

The aim of the **CENTRAL workshop-funding** is either to consolidate existing projects or to initiate new joint research projects. The **potential for continuing the collaboration** after the workshop, **including a prospect of obtaining third-party funds**, should be clearly identifiable. The **sustainability** of the project is a relevant selection criterion.

Who can apply?

The call is aimed at **established researchers (at least post-docs)** of all disciplines who wish to organise one or two three-day workshops together with at least two CENTRAL partners. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin must be involved in each workshop proposal due to DAAD (main sponsor) funding rules. Additional partners can be invited to the workshop. However, only members of the CENTRAL universities are eligible for funding. A **project/workshop leader** must be named **for each partner university**. Alongside the **project/workshop leaders**, **up to four junior researchers per partner** (post-docs, pre-docs and/or students) may participate in the workshops.

Possible structure: min. 3 to max. 5 CENTRAL partners



What can be funded?

1. Travel and accommodation costs¹ for individuals participating in the workshop who are members of the participating CENTRAL universities,
2. Material resources up to a maximum of €1,000 per workshop (e.g. for promotional materials, room hire, fees² for external visitors).

1) Note: Funding is provided by all the participating CENTRAL partners. The amount of funds shall comply with the DAAD grant regulations as well as the specific regulations of the partner universities. In order to make the application process as simple as possible, no concrete sums must be given on the application form, with the exception of material resources.

2) Note: Due to the DAAD funding guidelines fees for external speakers will only be provided for speakers participating in a workshop in Berlin.

Application deadline: Friday, 28 February 2020.

Necessary documents:

1. Application form (enclosed)
2. Description of the research project
3. CVs of the project/workshop leaders

All proposals must be submitted in English, preferably in a PDF format, and be sent by e-mail to:

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Selection process:

Projects will be selected for funding by representatives from all CENTRAL partner universities. The following funding criteria are given particular consideration during the selection:

- academic quality of the (envisaged) research project
- evidence of promoting junior researchers
- sustainability of the research and teaching effects/eligibility for third-party funds
- coherent concept and clear statement of the workshop aims

In case of approval, CENTRAL reserves the right to reduce or adapt the number of people to be funded and the right to change the hosting university of the workshop, if necessary .

The budget available will allow funding for 10 to 13 workshops. Each of the CENTRAL partner universities will host one workshop. The majority of workshops will be hosted by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Successful applicants are obliged to:

- hold the workshops during the course of 2020;
- submit a report to the office of the CENTRAL network (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) within six weeks after the last workshop took place;
- make reference to the CENTRAL network and its sponsors in publications, presentations, announcements etc. related to the funded project.