Emory University and University of Bonn
Collaborative Research Grant – 2020-21
Guidelines for Applicants

Purpose
The Collaborative Research Grant program fosters international research broadly. Applicants from all schools and disciplines are encouraged to submit funding applications for innovative and sustainable projects built around collaborative research linking regular, continuing, full-time faculty at the University of Bonn and Emory University. The research may take place in any country or region as long as it is done collaboratively. The expectation is that these initial projects will lead to long-term collaborations, institutional and research relations, and when applicable, generate publications, exhibitions, and/or external funding. Applications that include students and/or collaborations across schools, disciplines, and units are encouraged but not required.

In 2020-21, up to two applications will be funded (each with two principal investigators: one from the University of Bonn and one from Emory University). Each application will receive up to USD$15,000 from their respective institution, for a total of USD30,000. These funds must be used for research (broadly defined) and must follow the budget guidelines below.

Please note that, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, all grant-related travel must adhere to Emory University and University of Bonn policies as well as local restrictions, border controls and sanitary procedures.

Application Eligibility
Principal investigators on a project must be regular, continuing full-time faculty at the University of Bonn and Emory University respectively. The due date for 2020-21 applications is September 30, 2020.

Guidelines for budgets
The budget for each project should not exceed USD$30,000 or its equivalent in Euros. The maximum allowable expenses for airfares, accommodation and meals/per diems should correspond to the guidelines of the University of Bonn and Emory University. Any activities not addressed below are subject to the rules and regulations of the University of Bonn and Emory University.

Allowable expenses:
- travel expenses (e.g., economy airfare, train, etc.);
- accommodation;
- per diems for faculty or full-time enrolled students;
- one-line item may include no more than 10% of the total award for hosting a seminar, conference or workshop.
Non-allowable expenses:

- salaries or salary supplementation;
- scholarships for students (tuition support purposes);
- course fees for international students;
- computers, including laptops, (excluding access to high-performance computers or other specialised applications that are justified within the project proposal) and basic computing facilities such as printers, word processing and other standard software.

Duration and Funding Limits

Grants should be spent within the period indicated in the project submission, which may not exceed 24 months from the receipt of funding. The maximum amount that applicants can apply for one project is up to USD30,000 (up to USD15,000 from the University of Bonn and USD15,000 from Emory University).

Application Submission

Each proposal must include the following items in the order listed below as ONE single PDF. Proposals will be peer-reviewed by scholars from multiple disciplines and must be written for such an audience. The same proposal and budget for each application must be sent to Emory University and to the University of Bonn:

a. Names, titles, departments and emails of Emory University and the University of Bonn PI’s
b. Layperson abstract of the proposed project (up to 250 words)
c. Names of other Emory University researchers involved, including name, title, department, role in project
d. Names of other University of Bonn researchers involved, including name, title, department, role in project
e. Narrative description of the proposed project for a multi-school, multi-disciplinary audience using the following sub-headings (three-page limit, 12 font, single spaced)
   i. Project objectives
   ii. Background and previous work as appropriate
   iii. Research approach and methods
   iv. Explanation of how you will evaluate the success of your project
   v. Anticipated schedule for completion
f. Brief description of how project will address the following criteria using the following subheadings (see “Assessment” below):
   i. Academic quality and impact. (maximum 100 words)
   ii. Innovation. (maximum 100 words)
   iii. Outcomes and sustainability. (maximum 100 words)
iv. Partnership. (maximum 100 words)

v. Strategic relevance. (maximum 100 words)

g. Budget and budget justification, explaining in detail all anticipated expenditures
   i. Description of other funds secured or applied for overlapping projects

h. Brief letter from the Department Chair endorsing the application

i. Curriculum vitae: 2-page maximum, current, for each PI

j. Curriculum vitae: 1-page maximum, current, for additional team members

k. For Emory University faculty only, please indicate if Halle Institute funding has been received in the past and if so, provide the name and date of the award and indicate whether an end-of-project report was submitted.

Applicants should start preparing their applications well ahead of the closing date to provide time for an endorsement letter from each PI’s respective Department Chair. Completed applications should be submitted via email to halle.global@emory.edu (for Emory University) and brigitte.engelmann@uni-bonn.de (for the University of Bonn).

Applications will be reviewed and scored by multi-disciplinary, multi-school faculty selection committee at Emory University and at the University of Bonn. Final selections will be reviewed by the Director of the Halle Institute for Global Research and the Vice Rector for International Affairs at the University of Bonn.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in December 2020.

**Ranking Criteria & Scoring**

The Selection Committees will assess, comment on and score each application, based on the criteria below. Applicants must outline the aims, methods and expected outcomes of the project and should ensure that they address all criteria. Applications that include activities involving students and/or encourage broad collaborations across schools, disciplines, and units are encouraged but not required.

The Review Committee will evaluate each application on the following criteria:

- **Academic quality and impact**: the academic quality of the proposed work, the likelihood of it gaining wide recognition and/or having a high impact when completed. If appropriate, the ability to cut across disciplines, and/or include students.
- **Innovation**: the extent to which the project will contribute to novel thinking and creative outcomes.
- **Outcomes and Sustainability**: the likelihood that the project will lead to long-term research relationships and generate on-going collaboration. Expected outcomes may include among other possibilities publications, exhibitions, grant proposals, clinical
interventions, technological innovations, enhanced networks and/or research-based seminar/conference/workshops.

- **Partnership:** how the research partnership is anticipated to continue after the CRG funding ends and/or how the research will be shared with broader academic communities at each institution.

**Results**
Successful applicants will receive a letter of confirmation from their home institution and will receive an Acceptance of Award letter that must be signed and returned by the due date to the Halle Institute for Global Research at Emory University and the International Office at the University of Bonn.

**Payment**
Successful applicants will be awarded up to USD15,000 (or equivalent Euros) by their own institution for a total of up to USD30,000 per project. Awardees will be responsible for managing the project funds, reporting expenditures, and for facilitating the sharing of funds with their partner PI where required. Emory awardees must provide a new speedtype set up for the project for the transfer of internal funds. Awardees will receive the funds by mid-March 2021 (or when needed for the first time). It is the responsibility of the applicant to liaise directly with their finance department regarding the receipt of funds.

**Change of Investigator** If circumstances change – for example, the principal investigator or a team member leaves the project – awardees must provide notification to the Halle Institute at Emory University and the International Office at University of Bonn. All changes must be approved in writing.

**Extensions**
Under exceptional circumstances, no-cost extensions may be approved for a maximum period of 6 months. Applicants seeking an extension must submit a formal written request at least one month before the end of the grant, along with a revised budget and timeline of activities to the Halle Institute at Emory and the International Office at University of Bonn for approval prior to expiry of the grant. All extensions must be approved in writing.

**Publications**
Any publications (e.g., abstracts, articles) or dissemination (e.g., public presentations) arising from activities supported by this Collaborative Research Grant should acknowledge financial assistance received from the Halle Institute for Global Research and the University of Bonn. Copies of publications or presentations or notification of presentations should be submitted to both institutions. The name for the said acknowledgment is “Collaborative Research Grant funding provided by the Halle Institute for Global Research at Emory University and the University of Bonn.”

**Forfeiture of grants**
Grants not spent by the end date will be transferred back either to Emory University or the University of Bonn as applicable so that unspent balances can be re-allocated.

**Financial and Reporting Obligations**
Recipients will be required to submit a final report within one month of completion of the project. The report should include an outline of the outcomes of the project, an indication of the project’s sustainability, a summary of lessons learned in undertaking the project and a detailed accounting of funds as required by University policy. **Recipients who fail to submit a final report will not be permitted to apply for future Halle Institute support.**
Complete applications must be received by the deadline of September 30, 2020. No extensions will be granted.

**Further information**
For further information, please contact Kelly Richmond Yates at halle.global@emory.edu in the Halle Institute for Global Research at Emory University. At the University of Bonn, please contact Brigitte Engelmann, Unit Partnerships and International Researchers of the International Office, brigitte.engelmann@uni-bonn.de.

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