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BONN-MELBOURNE RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FUND FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

Call opens: 24 August, 2020

Application deadline: 30 October, 2020

Application details: <https://www.uni-bonn.de/international/international-profile-new/international-research-partnerships/call-for-proposals-for-collaborative-research-grants/melbourne-bonn-collaborative-research-grant>

Purpose:

The Bonn-Melbourne Research Excellence Fund fosters collaborative research projects. Applicants from all schools and disciplines are encouraged to submit funding applications for innovative and sustainable projects built around collaborative research linking faculty from the University of Bonn and the University of Melbourne. The research may take place in any country 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, performances, exhibitions, and/or external funding for ongoing collaboration. **Proposals should focus on new research areas that have not yet received funding from Bonn or Melbourne or through third-party funding before.**

Application:

The Bonn-Melbourne Research Excellence Fund will fund up to three applications (with at least two Principal Investigators (PIs): one from the University of Bonn and one from the University of Melbourne) per year. Selected applications will receive up to 20,000 € or \$33,000 AUD from each institution. These funds must be primarily used for research (broadly defined).

Applications from staff members in all academic disciplines are welcome and will be assessed on the basis of academic quality and impact, sustainability, innovation, relevance to the universities' strategies, and relevance to fostering international research partnerships.

- Principal investigators from the University of Bonn must be research staff who have completed a doctorate and 0.5 FTE or higher at the time of application and for the duration of the award.
- Principal investigators from the University of Melbourne must hold an appointment at Academic Level A (6) or higher and 0.5 FTE or higher at the time of application and for the duration of the award. Honorary employees whose primary academic affiliation is

the University of Melbourne are eligible to lead the application if their primary employer has entered into an agreement with the University for the support of the Australian component of the collaborative activity; or may participate at their own expense if they are otherwise unaffiliated (for example, they hold an emeritus position). The relevant Heads of Department/School at Melbourne must endorse the application.

Applications should have a primary focus on research. Proposals that include activities involving graduate researchers, students, contribute to institutional impact, and/or encourage broad collaborations across schools, disciplines, and units are encouraged but not required. Projects developing digital research links between both institutions are welcome, as well as proposals with the potential to develop new joint PhD opportunities. **Proposals should focus on new research areas that have not yet received funding from Bonn or Melbourne or through third-party funding before.** Grants should be spent within the period indicated in the project submission or, as a maximum, within 12 months of receipt of funding.

Collaborating applicants from the University of Bonn and from the University of Melbourne should submit their proposals in a single, joint submission via the University of Bonn application portal. Questions can be directed to Kim Turner, University of Melbourne (ric-internalgrants@unimelb.edu.au), or Tina Odenthal, University of Bonn (t.odenthal@uni-bonn.de).