

Geneva/Princeton Collaborative Research Grants

Call for Proposals

DEADLINE: 1 FEBRUARY 2018

Purpose of the Grant

The Geneva/Princeton Collaborative Grants program is designed to provide “seed-corn” support for interactions between researchers at both institutions to build the basis for new research and teaching initiatives and proposals for external funding (to help sustain and expand collaborative activity).

Application Process

Princeton and Geneva faculty are invited to submit new proposals for collaborative projects using a common application form. Proposals may come from individual faculty members or a group of faculty but should have Princeton and Geneva faculty members as co-PI's (Principal Investigator) in all cases. Main applicants may be of any faculty rank, but must be a regular member of the faculty (not post-docs or visiting scholars). At UNIGE, the proposal must include a statement of support from a full professor if the PI does not have this status.

A joint proposal should be submitted by the PIs on the dedicated web platform at <http://princeton.unige-cofunds.ch/>

Selection Process and Criteria

The universities are especially interested to fund projects that:

1. Establish a foundation for collaboration beyond the funded term, with potential to receive external support (grants and awards) and to develop of joint activities such as joint teaching programs, institutionalized research collaboration, etc.
2. Emphasize new connections and collaborations (rather than fund already established partnerships or continue projects funded under this program);
3. Evidence the strategic importance of the project for the institutions and entities involved;
4. Base on added academic value and benefits to the respective institutions
5. Provide a budget that is reasonable and appropriate to the scope and duration of the project.
 - Grant funds may not be used to pay salaries or stipends of any kind.
 - Grant funds are only available for use by Princeton and UNIGE partners as identified in the proposal. They are not available for use by third parties.

The grant review committees at Geneva and Princeton will liaise to jointly determine which projects will be funded.

Funding

Each university will provide its own lead investigator with an equivalent amount of funds that can be spent over the course of the grant period on travel, accommodations, workshops,

facilities use and other expenses related to meetings or the preparation of external funding proposals, as specified at the time of the proposal.

Grants will be awarded according to a two-tier structure. Tier 1 seed grants will be awarded in the amount of US \$10,000 (\$5,000 equivalent support from each partner) for up to two years. Tier 2 grants can be awarded for exceptional projects in amounts up to US \$90,000 (\$45,000 equivalent support from each partner) over a three-year period.

Closing Date

The call for proposals closes **1 February, 2018**.

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