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Seed Funding Programme to strengthen the strategic partnership between TU Braunschweig (Germany) and the University of Rhode Island (USA)

Aim of the programme

Technische Universität Braunschweig and University of Rhode Island will fund project initiation and expansion of previous cooperations within their longstanding strategic partnership. The provided funds support the strengthening of structures regarding research and its administration.

Time period and scope

A theoretical scope may focus on but is not limited to the fields of ocean engineering, sustainability, quantum & nanotechnology, and (teacher) education. The proposed projects have a maximum duration of 12 months. A maximum of € 5,000 / 5,000 \$ can be requested per project and university. Requests of a smaller amount are possible. Expenses may include travel following each University's guidelines, external services, and commodities. Personnel and indirect costs cannot be funded.

Measures eligible for funding

TU Braunschweig and University of Rhode Island finance projects in research and administration areas. All researchers and administrative staff of both universities who have an employment contract for the entire duration of the project are entitled to apply for funding.

Application

Applications have to be sent in via email to Dr. Dominik Baumgarten (d.baumgarten@tu-braunschweig.de) and Dr. Kristin Johnson (Kristin_johnson@uri.edu) until February 17, 2026. A complete application includes:

- the fully completed application form (in English language) including a description of the planned activities and goals
- a timetable
- a description of the expected results
- a cost projection

In particular, the application should highlight how the project will strengthen the cooperation with both universities beyond the funding period.

Selection procedure

A committee approved by both institutions will decide on the joint funding of proposals.

The evaluation will be based on the fit of the proposals into the universities' overall strategies and their strategic partnership, the quality of the bilateral collaboration, the feasibility of the project goals, and the financial sustainability.

All applicants will receive notification of the decision via email.

Legal basis and reporting obligation

The project managers are responsible for the administration of the funds and must ensure that the costs are spent in accordance with the financial guidelines.

A preliminary report (in writing or at a joint meeting) must be submitted for each project which received funding. After the project has been completed, a written report must be provided.