

Aurora Research Funding- University of Innsbruck

General Information

The University of Innsbruck is an active member of the association of Aurora Universities (<https://www.uibk.ac.at/international/aurora/>) and relies on intensive cooperation with selected partners from Reykjavik to Naples. Students, scientists and administrative staff benefit from this cooperation.

Partner universities in the Aurora network are:

- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (NL)
- University of Iceland (IS)
- Universität Duisburg-Essen (D)
- Universitat Rovira i Virgili (ES)
- Università di Napoli Federico II (IT)
- Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci (CZ)
- Copenhagen Business School (DK)
- University of East Anglia (UK)
- University of Aberdeen (UK)
- Université Grenoble Alpes (FR)

With the approval of an Aurora European Universities Alliance by the European Commission, the joint activities were taken to a new level in summer 2020. The goal of the Aurora European Universities Alliance is to develop a Europe-wide, integrated joint campus of partner universities where students, academics and staff can learn, teach and research together. Combining social relevance with academic excellence is the guiding principle of Aurora. A special focus of the Aurora European Universities Alliance is therefore to bundle the expertise of the participating partners in order to actively shape the major social challenges of our time and to integrate them more strongly into teaching and research.

In the area of research, a particular focus is on strengthening the networking of our scientists in order to discuss and develop research topics of common interest and to initiate follow-up activities (e.g. by developing research projects and submitting funding proposals, organising scientific conferences/meetings/workshops, joint publications, etc.).

Thematic pilot areas of the Aurora European Universities Alliance are:

- Sustainability & Climate Change,
- Digital Society & Global Citizenship,
- Health & Well-being
- Culture: Diversity & Identity
- Social Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Objective of the Aurora Research Grant

The Aurora European Universities Alliance is funding a so-called "Aurora Research Grant" in order to initiate the **development of joint activities between scientists of the Aurora Alliance universities** in the sense described above. This call also served to support research in the area of the thematic pilot areas and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to promote the networking of research work.

What can be funded?

- Travel and accommodation costs for a stay between 1 and 6 months

Who is the call for proposals aimed at?

To all scholars, with or without an employment contract, at the University of Innsbruck who are studying for a master's or doctorate.

Funding amount

Target-dependent monthly instalment of up to 600€, additional travel funds of up to 360€

In the case of funding for travel costs, the flight levy will be allocated to the applicant:in's institute within the framework of the Green Mobility travel guidelines.

Award criteria

- Cooperation with academics from at least one other university of the Aurora European Universities Alliance or at least a research stay at another partner university.
- Thematic connection to one of the Aurora pilot areas ('Sustainability and Climate Change', 'Health and Well-being', 'Digital Society and Global Citizenship', 'Culture: Diversity and Identity', 'Social Entrepreneurship & Innovation').
- Thematic linkage/examination with at least one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Feasibility of the projects

The aim is to distribute research funding as evenly as possible across the faculties.

Application and procedure

Applications can be submitted on an ongoing basis by e-mail via **aurora-mobility@uibk.ac.at**. The application consists of:

- Application form
- Abstract (preferably in German and English)
- Entry in the project database

The International Relations Office and the Aurora Office decide on the approval.

After approval and allocation, the project must be carried out within one year. An (interim) report must be submitted by 30.06.2022.

The standards and guidelines described here are subject to eligibility and may be revised in subsequent years depending on the budget situation.

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For further information, see:

<https://www.uibk.ac.at/international-relations/aurora-mobility/>