

## Aurora Staff Mobility - University of Innsbruck

### General Information

The University of Innsbruck is an active member of the network 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)

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 teaching, this means in particular promoting collaborative/international learning formats that have a positive influence on the competence development of our graduates ("soft skills" or "future skills") in addition to relevant specialist knowledge. In the area of research, there is a special focus on stronger networking among our academics in order to discuss and further develop research topics of common interest and to initiate follow-up activities (e.g. by developing research projects and submitting funding applications, organising academic 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

### **Objectives of the Aurora Staff Mobility Grants**

The Aurora European Universities Alliance funds Aurora Staff Mobility Grants in order to initiate the **development of joint activities between scientists of the Aurora Alliance universities in teaching and research** in the sense described above. The call for proposals is deliberately open in order to support individual and tailor-made projects related to the objectives of the Alliance. Ideally, these should support mobility and scientific exchange as well as generate follow-up activities and more sustainable networks between the Aurora universities.

### **What can be funded?**

- Travel and subsistence costs

### **To whom is the call for proposals addressed?**

- To all scientists of the University of Innsbruck

### **Funding amount**

Up to EUR 2,000 per application. These are divided into a maximum of EUR 1,000 each for accommodation costs and travel costs.

In the case of funding for travel costs, the flight tax is allocated to the applicant's institute within the framework of the Green Mobility travel guidelines.

### **Award criteria**

- Collaboration with researchers from at least one other university of the Aurora European Universities Alliance or use of facilities at a 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/engagement with at least one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Consideration of one of the following aspects: Promotion of interdisciplinary competences ("soft skills" or "future skills"), internationalisation, interdisciplinarity, interculturality, multilingualism, involvement of external stakeholders,
- Feasibility of the projects

The aim is to distribute the Staff Mobility Grants 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/>