European Campus Projects Funded with Nearly EUR 1 Million

Start-up financing for cross-border projects: “Seed Money” is the first proprietary funding instrument of the Eucor university confederation in the Upper-Rhine area

With “Seed Money“, Eucor – The European Campus, of which Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a member, has set up its very first own significant funding instrument and will award 300,000 Euros annually from 2018 to 2020. The goal is to finance new cross-border projects that foster the development of Eucor – The European Campus and its scientific network. Two lines of funding are planned: “Research and Innovation” and “Teaching”. Each year, between five and ten projects will receive a maximum of 60,000 Euros each.

“As a scientific community in the Upper-Rhine area, Eucor – The European Campus, enables us to further intensify the excellent collaboration, which has grown over many years, with our partner universities in Basel, Freiburg, Mulhouse, and Straßburg,” says Professor Thomas Hirth, Vice President of KIT. With “Seed Money”, attractive start-up support is now available for promising cooperation ideas in the fields of research, teaching, and innovation.”

“We want to specifically fund bottom-up initiatives and leverage the innovation potential existing at the European Campus even more,” says Prof. Dr. Hans-Jochen Schiewer, president of Eucor – The European Campus and rector at the University of Freiburg. “I am very
pleased that the Eucor confederation, for the first time, has made additional resources available for funding projects at the various European Campus universities." The initial funding will help support the emergence of new cross-border course offerings and research projects."

Established university instructors as well as researchers at the member universities of Eucor – The European Campus are eligible to apply. At least two universities from two different countries must be involved in the project. The maximum funding period is 18 months. The idea is that projects in the “Research and Innovation” category will receive subsequent funding from national or European institutions thereafter.

Project selection for the first financing round will take place starting in the fall of 2017. Financing will begin on January 1, 2018. From the beginning of July 2017, online applications are accepted via the Eucor Website.

For more information, please visit: www.eucor-uni.org

Background Information on Eucor – The European Campus

The European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC), “Eucor – The European Campus”, was created against the backdrop of a long standing cooperation between the universities on the Upper Rhine. In December 2015, the five member universities – the Universities of Basel, Freiburg, Haute-Alsace, and Strasbourg and the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) signed the founding documents in order to create a legal entity for cross-border research and teaching. With the expertise and potential of 15,000 researchers and 11,000 PhD candidates as well as 115,000 students, the alliance expands into a science and research area without walls and borders and with an international reach.

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) pools its three core tasks of research, higher education, and innovation in a mission. With about 9,300 employees and 25,000 students, KIT is one of the big institutions of research and higher education in natural sciences and engineering in Europe.

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