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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Chile-Germany Academic Forum / April 5-7, 2027

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS OF WORKING GROUPS

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The seven founding universities of the Chile-Germany Academic Forum -Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin), Universität Heidelberg (UH), Universität Hamburg (UHH), Karlsruher Institut für Technologie (KIT), Universidad de Chile (UCH), Universidad de Concepción (UdeC), and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC)- are pleased to announce the **call for proposals of Working Groups (WG) for the 2027 Forum**, which will be co-hosted by UCH, UdeC, and UC, once again in Santiago, 5 to 7 of April.

The Forum was founded in 2023 with the goal of consolidate a sustainable, inclusive, and competitive binational platform that strengthens long-term academic collaboration between Chile and Germany, generating high-quality research, fostering talented early-career researchers, and enhancing the international impact of both university systems.

### WORKING GROUPS SELECTION CRITERIA

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Proposals will be evaluated on the following dimensions:

1. **Appeal:** High potential to attract participants and broad dissemination of content.
2. **Interdisciplinarity:** Encourages participation across different academic disciplines.
3. **Relevance:** Addresses key binational (Chile-Germany) or global challenges.
4. **Feasibility:** Plan for tangible outcomes within the Forum's timeframe and the following year.
5. **Collaboration Potential:** Generates or strengthens research collaboration between Chilean and German institutions (e.g., co-authored publications, tangible scientific transfer activities, third-party funding, educational impact, contribution for the development of the region, etc.).

### REQUIREMENTS FOR PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS (PIs)

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Researchers leading a WG proposals must meet the following conditions:

- **Employment Verification:** PIs must be employed by a member university at the time of the application. Please get in touch with your university contact person to check eligibility.
- **PhD Requirement:** PIs must hold a PhD awarded no later than the date of their application.
- **Dual-Country Leadership:** each proposal must include one PI employed by a German member university, and one PI affiliated with a Chilean member university.

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## PI RESPONSIBILITIES UPON ACCEPTANCE

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If a proposal is selected, each PI commits to:

1. **Organize and host** WG sessions (panels, brainstorming, posters, etc.) during the Forum. We highly recommend hosting at least one virtual WG session prior to the Forum in Chile.
2. **Actively promote** researchers to apply to join his/her Working Group.
3. **Attend** all relevant Forum meetings and events.
4. **Submit** a detailed WG program by March 2027.
5. **Present** a WG outcome summary on the final day of the Forum, including a roadmap for collaboration in the following year.

## SUBMISSION WINDOW

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Please take into account the following dates to send a proposal:

Date	Milestone
Tuesday May 5, 2026	Launch of Call for WG Proposals
Friday June 12, 2026 (Chile Time)	Deadline of applications
Application via online form	<a href="https://form.jotform.com/261106345093047">https://form.jotform.com/261106345093047</a>

\*The official language of the Forum is English. All proposals must be submitted in English.

## UNIVERSITY CONTACTS

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For questions, please reach out to the representative at your university:

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