



**Baden-Württemberg
Ministry of Science,
Research and Arts**



BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG / OREGON STATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

FACULTY MOBILITY GRANT

Purpose

The US state of Oregon and the German state of Baden-Württemberg have maintained a reciprocal exchange agreement since 1968, facilitating the international mobility of more than two thousand students for academic exchange. The vast majority of participants are undergraduate students, but the agreement also allows for the academic exchange of graduate students and the collaboration of faculty.

In order to strengthen the relationships between the partner academic institutions in both states, to broaden the program capacity in serving the academic needs of enrolled students, and to engage a larger number of faculty members, **funds are available to facilitate networking and project collaboration** between academic faculty of both states.

Grants will be awarded to Baden-Württemberg academic faculty members with a position relevant to the goals of the exchange program in order to facilitate a visit to one or more partner institutions in the partner state. Faculty should identify a particular university connection, project, or opportunity to explore during their visit.

Two funding tracks are available:

1. Projects that strengthen and expand bilateral student mobility and/or programming.
2. Research collaboration that includes a primary goal of developing student engagement in a sustainable fashion.

In both cases, the personal visit should serve to intensify the bilateral exchange. This is start-up funding.

Participating institutions in Oregon include: Portland State University, Western Oregon University, Willamette University, Oregon State University, University of Oregon, Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Pacific University, Southern Oregon University.

Participating institutions in Baden-Württemberg include: University of Freiburg, Heidelberg University, University of Hohenheim, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, University of Konstanz, University of Mannheim, University of Stuttgart, University of Tübingen, Ulm University, Freiburg University of Education, Ludwigsburg University of Education, Stuttgart Media University of Applied Sciences, Stuttgart State Academy of Art and Design (ABK Stuttgart), State University of Music and the Performing Arts Stuttgart, University of Music Trossingen.

Funding and Administrative Organizations

The Faculty Mobility Grant is currently solely **funded by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and Arts** to strengthen the partnership between Baden-Württemberg and Oregon.

IE3 Global, based at Oregon State University, is responsible for program administration, student support and the partner network for the exchange program in the state of Oregon, as well as a main point of contact for researchers at partner institutions.

The **Oregon Study Center Germany**, based at the University of Tübingen, is responsible for program administration, student support and the partnership network for the program in Baden-Württemberg.

Proposal Criteria

Interested individuals from Baden-Württemberg should identify a networking opportunity or project and submit their proposal to the Oregon Study Center.

Depending on the chosen track, possible projects could include: joint presentations or seminars in shared areas of academic expertise; collaboration in research or other projects; exploration of curriculum integration or facilitation of the academic exchange for students; any other event, collaboration, or connection that would advance the goals of the faculty member's department and the purpose of the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg exchange program.

Faculty who wish to participate but do not already have an established connection at a partner university in Oregon are still encouraged to apply and will have the opportunity to request assistance in identifying appropriate contacts at partner institutions from the Oregon Study Center.

Application documents include:

- A curriculum vitae,
- a project description (max. 3 pages) including a justification of the selection for the host(s) or host institution(s),
- a letter of invitation (an informal e-mail is also sufficient) from the host institution(s) in Oregon.

Funding Details

Grants will cover the cost of roundtrip airfare between Oregon and Baden-Württemberg not exceeding 1,350 EUR and will include a daily stipend of 150 EUR for up to 7 days (arrival and departure each count as a ½ day).

Flights are to be booked in accordance with the regulations of the Baden-Württemberg business travel law (Landesreisekostengesetz) and with the regulations of the sending university.

Candidate Criteria

Eligible candidates include professors or instructors representing an academic department at any of the participating partner universities in Baden-Württemberg. Graduate teaching assistants and similar student positions, research trips as part of the final thesis for Bachelor's and Master's students and doctoral candidates are not eligible for funding.

Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate a commitment to higher education Baden-Württemberg, are in a position to advance the purpose and goals of the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg exchange program within their department or institution, and have an evident ability and desire to support and encourage student participation in the exchange program, particularly in underserved academic areas or diverse student populations.

Timetable

After the deadline, applications will be reviewed by the Oregon Study Center Germany within 14 days. The decision on funding will then be made jointly with the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and Arts and IE3 Global in Oregon. Applicants will be notified of the decision by the Oregon Study Center Germany in a timely manner.

The implementation period of the project must be determined and communicated to the Oregon Study Center Germany **by June 30, 2025**. Likewise, funding must be processed and disbursed in the 2025 calendar year, therefore applicants are requested to submit the documentation required for payout **by November 1, 2025** at the latest. The approved trip to Oregon can take place until December 31, 2025.

Terms of Award

Upon receipt of the Faculty Mobility Grant, grantees commit to the following:

- Meeting with Oregon/Baden-Württemberg program staff on site prior to travel (Program Resident Directors).
- Submit a signed letter of acceptance (Annahmeerklärung) and business travel authorization (Dienstreisegenehmigung), including a request for funds (Mittelanforderung) from the sending partner institution or department for payment of the grant.
- Collaborate with the partner university in Oregon and with the Oregon Study Center for travel, project logistics, planning and implementation.
- Submit a summary report following the trip, no later than three months after return, detailing the benefits of the connection/project, opportunities and starting points for future program development, and potential barriers to future collaboration or student participation. The report may also include suggestions for further development and collaboration with the project partners in Oregon and Baden-Württemberg.

Deadline

Applications must be submitted **by April 1, 2025**. Applications may be submitted in German or English.

Please submit your application in .pdf format via email to Sarah.Taylor@uni-tuebingen.de and Kerstin.McGaughey@uni-tuebingen.de at the Oregon Study Center Germany.