

Faculty & Staff Exchange Program

What's it about?

In 2017 SUNY Upstate Medical University (SUNY-UMU) joined the 'International Network on Diabetes and Depression (IN2D)', which is coordinated by Technische Universität Dresden (TU Dresden), Germany. The network aims to conduct leading-edge international health and medical research; initiate joint funding programs; promote staff and student international research exchanges; and engage and enable industry and health workforce partnerships, to support proof of concept projects, local business opportunities, and health profession educational opportunities.

To promote collaborative partnerships and joint projects between SUNY-UMU and TU Dresden, we invite applications for **financial and organizational support for long-term stays in Dresden, Germany for scientific and professional exchange.**

*Financial support for travel and living expenses (see specifics below) will be available for Exchanges ranging from **15 days to 6 months**, for successful applications.*

Who is eligible?

- SUNY Upstate Medical University Faculty, Staff, or employees engaged in diabetes- and/or depression-related research projects or activities, and/or who support the promotion or execution of collaborative partnerships or joint projects between TU Dresden and SUNY-UMU, are eligible to apply.

Examples of Potential Qualifying Activities/Possible Aims of a Proposed Exchange:

- Development of new or continuation of ongoing projects in the fields of diabetes and/or depression.
- Planning or preparation of grant or funding applications for joint projects between IN2D partners.
- Initiation of joint projects within the partnership, e.g. research support, fundraising, student & staff exchange, educational initiatives, etc., that are relevant to the goals of the IN2D.
- Professional development, education, or training opportunities relevant to the goals of the IN2D.

What funding is available for successful applications?

89 (EUR)/day for up to 22 days, or **2000 (EUR)/month**, for living expenses
(Second Month onward: **67 (EUR)/day** to 22 days, or **2000 (EUR)/month**)
Plus one-time allowance of **1175 (EUR)** for travel expenses

(Stays of less than 15 days are only eligible for the living expenses allowance.)

Expenses incurred exceeding these limits must be funded by participant's other identified resources.

How to apply:

Application Deadline: **December 6th, 2019**

Please submit your application including the following (as a single PDF file) to: perryse@upstate.edu

1) Project Proposal to include:

- a) Project goals and expected outcomes as relevant to the goals of the IN2D;
- b) Benefits of this proposed Exchange, as relevant to your current position, your professional development, and to the goals and mission of the IN2D;
- c) Statement of work for the proposed project/exchange, including timeline and specific deliverables to be accomplished during the Exchange period (and after, if they directly follow from the Exchange, as relevant);
- d) New projects and collaborations relevant to the goals of the IN2D are welcome and encouraged. However, if you have previous connections/collaborations/work with the visited facility or its personnel, please describe.

2) Letter of consent and verification signed by your Supervisor, for participation in the Exchange in the capacity of your employment.

3) Letter of support from a sponsoring/collaborating partner at TU Dresden.

Application decisions are made by the IN2D in accordance with program goals and available budget. Basic, clinical, translational, public health, policy, or non-scientific (e.g. community service, program development) projects are all possibilities. A partial listing of potential collaborators is attached. If you have a project idea and would like assistance facilitating connections in Dresden, please contact perryse@upstate.edu.

Successful applicants will be required to adhere to and complete “Upstate Medical University International Travel Policy & Procedures” before travel. Please plan for ~3 months between the application deadline and any potential travel dates.

http://www.upstate.edu/currentstudents/document/upstate_medical_university_international_travel_health_poli_1.pdf

http://www.upstate.edu/currentstudents/document/checklist_for_upstate_medical_university_international_trav_1.pdf

For questions or assistance regarding UMU international travel policies or procedures, please contact Jennifer Abbott (International Office, abbottjh@upstate.edu) and Caitlin Kelley (Travel Office, kelleyc@upstate.edu).

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