**Partnership University of California, Berkeley & Ghent University**

Call for seed funding

The **purpose** of this grant is to *enhance and expand* the collaboration between staff and faculty at the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) and Ghent University (UGent). This grant aims to support new or ongoing research or educational partnerships in 2025.

Examples of grant activities include, but are not limited to:

* Initiate a jointly organised seminar, webinar, workshop, conference, or another academic event;
* Foster research collaboration of a UGent PhD student or post-doctoral researcher with peers at UC Berkeley;
* Support the mobility of UGent PhD students, post-doctoral researchers, or professors to UC Berkeley.

**Eligibility criteria**

Professors or post-doctoral researchers from Ghent University may apply for a seed grant. Proposals must be supported by a UC Berkeley supervisor who holds a PhD and a professorial function at the partner university.

Priority will be given to:

* projects to which UC Berkeley partner makes a financial or in-kind contribution, a demonstration of **reciprocity**
* projects with the potential for **long-term collaboration** between the applicants/universities
* projects that have a clear **added value to the partnership**, and overcome the individual endeavors of the researchers involved
* projects that have not yet received grant funding from this partnership, and have not been successful in receiving financing from other funding mechanisms (e.g., grants from Vlaio)
* projects that involve **junior researchers**
* projects that are able to present a clear outline of how the budget will be spent
* projects that will result in a concrete, **practical and reportable activity**

**Funding**

Proposals can apply for up to 2.800 EUR. Projects requiring additional funding are also welcomed. However, applicants need to provide a clear justification for the additional funding required. The funding must be spent before December 31st, 2025.

Successful applicants will be required to provide a short report of the funded activities at the end of the year.

**Deadline**

Call 1: application deadline - April 21st, 2025. (updated)

Call 2: application deadline - June 1st, 2025.

Applications (see page 3) can be sent via email to partnership\_ucberkeley@ugent.be (to Elise Meerburg and Luc Martens).

**Application form for seed funding**

**UC Berkeley and UGent**

## Title of the proposal

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## Ghent University supervisor (obligatory)

*The supervisor must hold a PhD degree.*

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| Institution(s) of appointment *please add % of appointment, type and duration of the appointment* |  |
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| Department + code |  |
| Address |  |
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| E-mail |  |
| ORCID-ID[[1]](#footnote-1) |  |
| Name of administrative staff member who can be contacted instead of the supervisor (if applicable) |  |

## Second Ghent University supervisor (optional)

*The supervisor must hold a PhD degree.*

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| First name, last name |  |
| Institution(s) of appointment *please add % of appointment, type and duration of the appointment* |  |
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| Name of administrative staff member who can be contacted instead of the supervisor (if applicable) |  |

## Supervisor at UC Berkeley (obligatory)

*The supervisor must hold a PhD degree.*

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| First name, last name |  |
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## Researcher involved in the project (if applicable)

*Copy the box below if you’d like to add more researchers.*

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**Proposal**

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| 1. **Project Title**
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| 1. **Keywords (your choice, at least 3)**
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| 1. **When will the activity take place?**
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| 1. **Project proposal**: objectives, activities, and key output(s). Indicate if/how this project relates to other ongoing work at one or both universities.

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| 1. **Amount of funding requested.** Maximum 2.800 Euro. Please specify how the money will be spent.
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| 1. **Reciprocal financing**

*Please indicate whether/how UC Berkeley can contribute hard financing or in-kind contributions, considering:* * *Examples of in-kind contributions are UC Berkeley’s graduate students’ (PhD) time spent collaborating on experiments, articles, event organization, etc.; financing for a jointly organized event; financing for UC Berkeley supervisor/graduate student to conduct a research stay at Ghent University, etc.*
* *UC Berkeley supervisor’s/PI’s time spent on this project cannot be considered an in-kind contribution.*
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| 1. **How can this funding lead to a long-term collaboration between UC Berkeley and Gent partners, or the two university communities more generally, beyond 2025?**
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| **Ghent University** | **University of California, Berkeley** |
| Supervisor’s name | Supervisor’s name |
| Signature of approval | Signature of approval |
| Date Signed | Date Signed |

1. The Ghent University (co)supervisor is obliged to have an ORCID-ID (publicly available). Those who do not yet have an ORCID-ID can find more information on: https://www.ugent.be/orcid [↑](#footnote-ref-1)