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

Call for seed funding

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

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

* A jointly organised seminar, workshop, conference, or another academic event that have as final purpose the initiation of long-term collaboration;
* Foster research collaboration of a UGent PhD student or post-doctoral researcher with peers at UC Berkeley and as a follow-up the collaboration of the two research groups involved;
* Develop a joint pilot project using research infrastructure at 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 that clearly demonstrate 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
* projects that are able to present a clear outline of how the budget will be spent
* projects that focus on 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. Eligible costs include in the first place, access to research infrastructure, publication costs, organizing seminar or workshop costs… Travel expenses may be eligible but are preferable received from other funding organisations such as FWO or the faculty. Non-eligible costs include speaker fees and per diems.

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

**Application deadline**

June 15th, 2025.

Applications (see page 3) can be sent via email to [partnership\_ucberkeley@ugent.be](mailto: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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| 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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| 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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## 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)** |
| 1. **When will the activity take place?** |
| 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 add a table specifying how the money will be spent for each cost category and for whom. |
| 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.* |
| 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)