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3rd Chile-Germany Academic Forum / April 5-7, 2027 CALL FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS

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 applications for participation in the 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, 2027

Interested researchers must apply to one of the following 13 working groups selected for the Chile-Germany Academic Forum 2027. Below you will find the complete list with their respective principal Investigators (PIs):

1. FOOD SYSTEMS, FOOD JUSTICE AND CONTEMPORARY TRANSITIONS

- Claudia Giacoman, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, cgiacoma@uc.cl
- Renata Motta Campos, Universität Heidelberg, renata.motta@uni-heidelberg.de

2. BEYOND THE HAZARD: UNDERSTANDING SYSTEMIC CLIMATE RISKS, CASCADING MALADAPTATION, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

- Sebastián Vicuña, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, svicuna@uc.cl
- Michael Handke, Universität Heidelberg, handke@uni-heidelberg.de

3. SCIENCE AND SOCIETY IN AN AGE OF DISRUPTION: KNOWLEDGE GOVERNANCE BETWEEN CHILE AND GERMANY

- Bárbara Silva, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, bsilvaa@uc.cl
- Kathia Serrano-Velarde, Universität Heidelberg, kathia.serrano@mwi.uni-heidelberg.de

4. FROM FLOOD HAZARD TO RESILIENCE: EVIDENCE, MODELS, AND DECISIONS

- Cristián Escauriaza, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, cescauri@uc.cl
- Mário Franca, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, mario.franca@kit.edu

5. RESPONSIBLE AI FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS: TACKLING ORGANIZED CRIME IN CHILE AND GERMANY

- Robert Pelzer, Technische Universität Berlin, pelzer@ztg.tu-berlin.de
- Richard Weber, Universidad de Chile, richard.weber@uchile.cl

6. DIGITAL MENTAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- Vania Martínez, Universidad de Chile, vmartinezn@uchile.cl
- Stephanie Bauer, Universität Heidelberg, stephanie.bauer@med.uni-heidelberg.de

7. FROM BIOMEDICAL DATA TO CLINICAL INSIGHT: HUMAN-CENTERED AI ACROSS CHILE AND GERMANY

- Stefan Bonn, Universität Hamburg, sbonn@uke.de
- Denis Parra, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, dparras@uc.cl

8. CRIMINAL THREATS TO THE RULE OF LAW: CRIMINAL LAW, TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

- Milan Kuhli, Universität Hamburg, milan.kuhli@uni-hamburg.de
- Claudia Cárdenas, Universidad de Chile, ccardenas@derecho.uchile.cl

9. WATER: A STRATEGIC RESOURCE FOR THE FUTURE

- Luis Pino, Universidad de Concepción, luispino@udec.cl
- Florencia Saravia, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, florencia.saravia@kit.edu

10. GERMAN-CHILEAN WORKING GROUP ON MOUNTAIN CRYOSPHERE AND WATER SYSTEMS

- David Farías-Barahona, Universidad de Concepción, davidfarias@udec.cl
- Lucas Menzel, Universität Heidelberg, lucas.menzel@uni-heidelberg.de

11. LONG-TERM URBAN ECOSYSTEM MONITORING, BENCHMARKS AND STANDARDIZATION

- Christopher Ryan, Technische Universität Berlin, Christopher.Ryan@tu-berlin.de
- Francisco de la Barrera, Universidad de Concepción, fdelabarrera@udec.cl

12. EARTH SYSTEMS, CRITICAL MINERALS, AND SOCIETY: TOWARD SUSTAINABLE COPPER AND LITHIUM DEVELOPMENT

- Sergio Leon-Rios, Universidad de Chile, sergio.leon-rios@amtc.uchile.cl
- Andreas Rietbrock, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, andreas.rietbrock@kit.edu

13. POLITICAL BEHAVIOR, ECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS, AND FINANCIAL MARKETS

- Erwin Hansen, Universidad de Chile, ehansen@fen.uchile.cl
- Wolfgang Drobetz, Universität Hamburg, Wolfgang.Drobetz@uni-hamburg.de



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REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS

Academics meeting the following requirements are eligible to apply:

- Professors holding a current contract with one of the seven universities at the time of application and during the event.
**Please verify specific requirements with your home university.*
- Availability to attend in person.
- Proficiency in English (the forum's official language).
** All applications must be submitted in English.*
- Completion of the [application form](#).
- Ability to fund part or all of the cost of attending the forum.
**Funding conditions may change depending of the institution, so please confirm with the contact person at your respective university.*

SELECTION CRITERIA

The submitted materials will be evaluated by the principal investigators responsible for each working group, and by the organizing committee, taking into account the applicants' academic backgrounds, the relevance of their experience to the selected topic, and the contribution they can make to the group's development. The selection process will aim to ensure appropriate representation from the seven organizing universities, as well as adherence to criteria regarding gender equity and diversity in academic backgrounds. The goal is to form groups that are cohesive around their work objectives, while remaining sufficiently interdisciplinary to foster dialogue across different fields of knowledge, and generate new opportunities for collaboration.

****IMPORTANT DISCLAIMERS:***

- *As a minimum operational requirement, each Working Group must include (in addition to its two PIs) at least three additional academics, one of whom must be affiliated with a university other than that of the two PIs. Failure to meet this condition will be deemed a failure to satisfy the minimum requirements for the call, and the group's participation in Forum 2027 will be suspended.*
- *While applicants from the forum's universities will be given priority, applications will also be accepted from academics or experts outside the seven founding institutions; these individuals must duly justify their contribution to the group's discussion.*

SUBMISSION WINDOW

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

Date	Milestone
Monday September 28, 2026	Opening of Call for individual participants
Friday November 27, 2026	Deadline of applications
Application via online form	https://form.jotform.com/262505221615650

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