Letter of Intent
between
The National Science Foundation (NSF)
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and
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on cooperation on
Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) –
providing research opportunities in Germany
for U.S. Early Career Researchers

The National Science Foundation (NSF), Office of International and Integrative Activities (OIIA), International Science and Engineering (ISE) section and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation, DFG) (Participants) intend to promote cooperation in science and research across borders and to jointly support the international mobility of U.S. Early Career Researchers. Eager to contribute to the creation of a common transatlantic space for science and research and on the basis of mutual benefit and equitable and fair treatment, they wish to encourage, develop and facilitate research opportunities in Germany for U.S. Early Career Researchers funded in the framework of the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program of NSF.

Collaborative Objectives
• The collaboration is intended to enable U.S. researchers supported by the NSF CAREER awards to undertake research visits with DFG-funded teams in DFG-funded projects. NSF CAREER awardees may join DFG-funded projects for single and long term (e.g., 6-12 months) or multiple short-term visits (e.g., for joint experiments) that aggregate to an agreed upon minimum.
• The following types of DFG-funded projects can host NSF CAREER awardees: Coordinated Programmes (e.g., Collaborative Research Centres, Research Units, Priority Programmes, DFG Research Centres, Research Training Groups), Graduate Schools and Cluster of Excellence of the German Excellence Initiative and the Emmy Noether Programme (hereinafter DFG Projects).
• Irrespective of this Letter of Intent (LOI), all researchers funded by DFG within the individual grants programme have the possibility to invite U.S. researchers to join their DFG funded projects. In order to invite U.S. researchers to join such projects, a supplemental proposal should be submitted to DFG.

The Participants plan to formulate a management plan in support of this activity in due course.

This Letter of Intent does not create obligations binding under domestic or international law and cooperation pursuant to its terms are subject to the availability of funds. Cooperative activities are expected to commence after both Participants have signed this Letter. Any amendments to this Letter of Intent to be done by either Participant in writing and to provide 90 days advance written notice prior to termination. If cooperative activities are terminated, it is expected that NSF will be responsible for NSF termination costs and DFG will be responsible for DFG termination costs. Any termination should not affect collaborations or partnerships already commenced.

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