Seed Funding 2023 – 3rd Call
for Collaborative Projects
between the University of Tübingen and UNC-Chapel Hill

**Thematic Focus:** Multidisciplinary projects are welcome that relate to the use, application or impact of data on democratic societies, as well as projects broadly connected to data science and machine learning. Applicable fields are not limited and can range from emerging technologies to bioinformatics to humanities to sciences.

Projects in the thematic field of “Application and/or Impact of Data on Democratic Societies” will receive preference in the selection process.

**Max. Grant Amount:** 10,000 € from UT and $10,000 from UNC-Chapel Hill

**Purpose:** Planning a larger collaborative initiative or preparing an external grant application

**Application Deadline:** 30 November 2023 (funds to be used by 30 June 2025)

**Who can apply:** Applications must be submitted by a team of researchers from both universities and include at least one full-time research or teaching faculty member. Graduate students and postdocs can be part of the team.

**How to Apply:** Please request an Application Form from a Contact below. Send forms to: globalaffairs@unc.edu and international.research@uni-tuebingen.de

**What Can Be Funded:** The following costs or activities can be covered by the Seed Grant:
- Travel costs to visit project partners, including for lab rotations, joint graduate training activities or collaborative projects;
- Organization of joint workshops or seminars on the research topic for researchers and graduate students;
- Equipment necessary for the project and not available at either university;
- Other costs directly related to project planning or implementation

**Other Funding:** The Seed Grant can be combined with other grants, provided funds are not covering the same activities or costs.

**Selection Process:** Applications will be evaluated by a joint UNC-UT committee. Applicants will be notified of the results within a few weeks.

**Selection Criteria:** Projects will be selected in accordance with the following main criteria (although the committee reserves the right to apply other criteria):
- Relevance of the project to the thematic focus of the call
- Equal division of responsibilities between UNC and UT researchers
- Potential for integration of the research project into the existing strategic research priorities of the universities
- Potential of the project to develop sustained partnership between UNC and UT researchers or units
- Possibilities for producing joint publications, conference presentations or acquiring external follow-up funding

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