

PROPOSAL TO FUND STUDENT RESEARCH GROUPS

You intend to ...

- implement a research project of your own,
- develop your own scientific expertise,
- use scientific methods independently

- Up to € 10,000 in funding per research project
- Up to 6 ECTS credits in the free elective area

Do not hesitate to submit your application now for the funding program for student research projects:

The University of Hamburg supports students to realize their own research ideas while they are still studying and actively gain qualifications in research-based learning. Here students can make first scientific experiences and competences for the future course of studies are to be conveyed. Students can work on a scientific project independently in small teams within the scope of the Excellence Strategy.

Who is eligible?

Student research groups at the University of Hamburg are eligible for funding. All students enrolled in a bachelor's, master's or Staatsexamen program, who wish to initiate research projects in small groups (minimum 2 persons) may apply. The research topic must be in line with the [sustainability as a core strategic topic of the University](#) and contribute to [one of the seventeen sustainability goals](#). The call targets those students who will complete degrees within the regular period of study.

What can be funded?

A maximum of € 10,000 of funding is available for 2 semesters (12 months). By attending the start seminar at the beginning of the funding period and writing a final scientific report, you also have the opportunity to earn up to 6 credit points for the free elective area. You can apply only for material expenses (e. g. specialist literature and -software, small devices), travel expenses for research purposes, and conference fees (including digital conferences). You cannot receive funding for assistantships. Nor is funding available for researches for doctoral theses, or final theses (Bachelor and Master).

What are the selection criteria?

During the assessment, the projects are judged in the following categories:

1. Mandatory:

- **Independence:** The research project is initiated by students and implemented autonomously.
- **Scholarly character:** The project has a clear research profile (questions, aims, methods, integration within the relevant scientific discourse).
- **Support:** You have a letter of support from a professor at the University of Hamburg.
- **Timetable:** The timetable and implementation plan are realistic.
- **Financial plan:** Transparency and conclusiveness with regard to resource needs. You may apply for equipment only.

2. Desirable:

- **Innovation:** The project involves an innovative topic or innovative methods and approaches.
- **Sustainability:** There is a link to one of the global sustainability goals, i.e. a topic of the area sustainability (Sustainable Development Goals) is addressed or the use of resources / materials involved are especially sustainable.
- **Sustainability and digitalization:** It is particularly worthy of funding if projects are also dedicated to the interface between sustainability and digitalization in terms of the twin transformation.
- **Cooperation opportunities:** The project might help to initiate or deepen scientific cooperations or collaborations (national/international).
- **Support:** A professor at the University of Hamburg can mentor or supervise your project.

The selection decision is made by the Executive University Board.

Which deadlines are to be observed?

- **Submission and Decision:** Please refer to the website of the Excellence Strategy and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies for the deadlines for submitting application documents and the dates of funding decisions.
- **Reporting:** A final report has to be submitted **three months after the end** of the research project.

Which documents are to be submitted?

Funding application should contain, apart from a project description (ca. 1–2 pages) and a detailed timetable and implementation plan, a financial plan, too (please note here that funding is available for equipment only). We will consider only complete proposals submitted by the deadline in the selection process.

- application form (including a project description)
- form for financial plan
- form for timetable
- accompanying letter

If you have further questions on your project planning, the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (ISA-Center) is at your disposal. Please note the FAQs on the funding of student research groups, too.

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