



Call for Impact Projects - Empowering Young Researchers to Knowledge Exchange





Thinking outside the box is familiar to you? Do you often wonder what impact your research could have in society? Do you agree that science is relevant to people off campus?

Transformation researcher Maja Göpel thinks that science is an organized form of finding answers to societally relevant questions. We agree. To find answers to these questions, one has to find out what questions are being raised by society. This is why public engagement matters: Creating opportunities for people and communities to discuss and participate in research.

Young researchers need spaces to explore and investigate how to engage with communities, which is the focus of this call: empowering you, a young researcher (PhD and Postdoc), to interact with societal groups in multidirectional and innovative ways. In doing so, your research can be enriched by new ideas and perspectives. Shifts towards a more cooperative and transdisciplinary mindset help accelerate science's social impact.

PhD and Postdoc students / researchers are invited to submit their applications for research-based impact projects that address and engage non-university communities. The funding for individual impact projects is provided by the team Knowledge Transfer in the Transfer and Cooperation Office.

Criteria:

-  Ongoing doctoral or postdoctoral project at a TU institute
-  Relation of the impact project to the doctoral project / research-related occasion.
-  Reference of the project to at least two Sustainable Development Goals (17 SDG's)
-  Cooperation with or involvement of at least one non-university target group (e.g. associations, schools, etc.) or a non-university community

Funding:

- ✚ Funding is provided for up to 3 projects (material resources as well as financing of student assistant hours, if applicable) with (up to) 1500€ each within calendar year 2024
- ✚ Support for cooperation management with non-university target groups and communities
- ✚ Communication of individual impact projects in newsletters, social media channels and on websites, e.g. <https://www.tu-braunschweig.de/transfer-und-kooperationshaus/wissenstransfer>
- ✚ Opportunity to use our podcast studio (incl. instruction)
- ✚ Consulting and coaching of your projects by a project coach from the Knowledge Transfer team
- ✚ Awarding of an impact certificate of completion to the respective project leader

Please use the following form to apply (project description, expected impact and cost estimate) until **1st December 2023**. If you have any questions, please contact Dr Mara Ruth Wesemüller (m.wesemueller@tu-braunschweig.de).

In order to support applicants in deepening and discussing their ideas, we offer two optional workshops to develop drafts for research-based impact projects.

01/11/2023, 1-3 p.m. at the Sandkasten-Zentrale in the TU Altgebäude/main building

15/11/2023, 1-3 p.m. at the Sandkasten-Zentrale in the TU Altgebäude/main building

Please register in advance via email with Dr Mara Ruth Wesemüller (m.wesemueller@tu-braunschweig.de).