

Call Spaces for Collaboration

Academic exchange in formal and informal formats and environments is an important building block for establishing and strengthening successful networks. As part of the Ecoversity initiative - Collaborative Space for Change, TU Braunschweig supports measures to establish and strengthen scientific and science-supporting networks with non-university partners—ranging from research institutions and societal organizations to businesses, political bodies, and cultural institutions. Funding can be used to implement formats that promote a culture of scientific exchange in the regional ecosystem in research, study and teaching, transfer, and governance & administration. The projects must involve partners outside TU Braunschweig and pursue a clearly defined goal/outcome. Projects that include an interdisciplinary group of participants are particularly welcome.

Eligible Applicants

All members of the TU Braunschweig university community (MTV, students, and scientists) are eligible to apply.

How to Apply

Applications can be sent to <u>ecoversity@tu-braunschweig.de</u> until **July 4, 2025**.

Please use the application form to apply.

Funding Use, Scope and Duration

Resources can be applied for. The maximum funding amount per application is €10,000. A total of 60,000 euros are allocated for this funding round.

The funds must be spent between August 1, 2025, and November 30, 2025. It is not possible to carry funds over to 2026.

Possible formats include:

- Workshops,
- Summer schools,
- Student activities to foster transformative skills,
- Open science cafés,
- Events to strengthen networks with partners,
- Events to establish networks with partners
- Equipping venues for interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary exchange



Funding is available for moderators, guest speakers, room rental, and catering, for example. Items that are considered basic equipment (e.g., office supplies, telephone costs, laptops, desks) are not eligible for funding. Applicants must comply with relevant guidelines, including those relating to procurement and hospitality, and must provide evidence of compliance upon request.

Funding Criteria

- Potential for strengthening collaboration in the scientific ecosystem of TU Braunschweig (<u>www.tu-braunschweig.de/ecoversity</u>) and/or
- Potential for empowering Changemakers*
- Clear focus on results
- Alignment with the objectives of University Development 2030
- Project coherence

Selection Process

Applications will be formally reviewed by the team of the newly established Ecoversity Hub, which will serve as an interface and support structure for interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary activities at the university. Successful applications will be chosen by a committee comprising of members of the TU Braunschweig Executive Board. Applications will be weighted and ranked according to the criteria mentioned above. During the selection process, the applications will be assessed comparatively, culminating in a final funding recommendation. Decisions are set to be announced at the end of July 2025.

Report

A short repot (3/4 page) has to be submitted to the Ecoversity Hub detailing the outcome of the project. A template will be provided.

Further details will be announced upon successful participation.

You have never written an application before, or you would like to discuss your idea in a brief conversation?

Please contact Annika Kleinwächter or Anika Düring at the Ecoversity Hub: E-Mail: ecoversity@tu-braunschweig.de or Tel.: +49 531/391-14085

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