

# Fund for “Innovative Digital Teaching” at the University of Mannheim

*Call for applications, November 2021*

## Objectives

The Stiftung Innovation in der Hochschullehre funds innovative projects in teaching and learning. The project “Innovation ermöglichen und Transfer fördern: Strukturen für digitale Hochschullehre (InnoMA)” (Enabling innovation and fostering transfer: Structures for digital teaching at higher education institutions) that started in August 2021 and is going on for three years is one of them. The objective of InnoMA is well-structured funding of sustainable development and transfer of high-quality digital teaching methods at the University of Mannheim. The fund is to enable teachers to try out digital teaching formats while providing them with the necessary freedom and offer them didactic and technical support.

## Project funds

Projects that receive funding are to empower teaching in higher education and (further) develop and try out new or proven digital elements in teaching. The projects are to harness the potentials of digitalization in teaching in order to create added value for students and increase learning efficacy. The funding period is up to one year. Follow-up funding is possible. Funds for personnel, such as academic staff members and student assistants, and funds for material resources, such as software and hardware, can be requested. For the entire duration of the InnoMA project, a sum of EUR 1.1 million is available. Individual projects can be funded with up to EUR 75,000 and joint projects of several teachers can be funded with up to EUR 100,000. Projects with a smaller funding amount are particularly welcome.

## Application Requirements

All teachers of the University of Mannheim can apply for funding from “Innovative Digital Teaching”. To support your project and to foster the transfer of your ideas, it is necessary that you and/or your project team:

- actively participate in regular talks (two to three times per semester) to discuss your experiences with colleagues from other projects and with students,
- provide accompanying research projects with relevant data generated within the scope of the project, while complying with data protection standards,
- talk to the InnoMA team before procuring any hardware, software or licenses,
- realistically plan the use of resources and talk to the InnoMA team if there are any changes to the schedule or the personnel or financing plan,

- present the project findings on the Tag der Lehre (a day dedicated to teaching),
- agree to publishing project results in talks and publications within the context of meetings with partners and conferences,
- actively participate in creating reports, patterns that can be transferred to other settings, open-access formats and open educational resources.

## Application Procedure

Applications for funding from “Innovative Digital Teaching” can be submitted from 1 November until 30 November 2021. Please send the completed application form, which you can find [here](#) from 1 November, via e-mail [innoma@uni-mannheim.de](mailto:innoma@uni-mannheim.de).

A selection committee decides which projects will receive funding. The committee is made up of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Teaching, the Head of the Center of Learning Environment Development, representatives from the schools, representatives of academic staff members and students. The quality of the didactic concept of the projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Student-centered approach
- Adequacy of the methodology
- Transferability to other classes
- Potential for innovation - Evaluation based on the status quo at the respective department
- Level of further development of your own understanding of teaching
- Feasibility

Funding may be granted subject to a successful thorough evaluation of all software used in the project.

## Contact

Please find further information on InnoMA and the fund “Innovative Digital Teaching” [here](#). In case of any questions, please contact the InnoMA team via [innoma@uni-mannheim.de](mailto:innoma@uni-mannheim.de).