

“Lehre@ENGAGE.EU” fund at the University of Mannheim

Call for applications for the spring semester 2025

Objectives

“ENGAGE.EU, the European University engaged in societal change” is an alliance of leading European higher education institutions from the fields of economics, business administration and social sciences. The goal of ENGAGE.EU is to build a European university campus that allows its students to take classes all over Europe and acquire the knowledge necessary to tackle current and future challenges in our society. Students can acquire extracurricular abilities, network internationally and obtain intercultural experiences in person or online.

In order to facilitate this exchange, each partner university offers courses and programs, some of which are even collaborative teaching projects of several universities. In order to extend this set of courses and programs, we introduced the “Lehre@ENGAGE.EU” fund in the spring semester 2024. The fund is to motivate lecturers to develop collaborative teaching projects and new programs.

In contrast to the first funding round in 2024, this call focuses on large-scale projects that aim to collaborate with at least two ENGAGE.EU partner universities.

Funding

This call for proposals includes three categories to contribute to ENGAGE.EU. **In case you have an idea that fits none of the first two categories, we would be delighted if you could submit your idea under category three.** Funding is available from 1 September 2025 at the earliest. You can receive funds for personnel such as academic staff members¹ and student assistants and for travel expenses up to a total of EUR 40,000.

¹ As usual, hiring academic personnel is subject to a successful review of the necessary requirements by the Human Resources Division. The review is conducted after the funding is approved and once the respective documents are submitted. Funding for academic staff members might require them to take a certain teaching workload.

- **Category 1: Developing joint virtual exchange courses (collaborative online international courses “COIL”)**
 - ⇒ Developing and implementing an entire course concept with at least two other ENGAGE.EU partner universities, who have already declared a commitment to joint project implementation (e.g. as part of the ENGAGE.EU Incubator Seed Funding Call)
 - ⇒ Coordination of the curriculum with ENGAGE.EU partner universities
 - ⇒ Joint concept for examinations
 - ⇒ Checking whether courses can be recognized for the respective programs of study

- **Category 2: Summer/Winter School involving at least two ENGAGE.EU partner universities**
 - ⇒ Development and implementation of a one- to two-week summer/winter school with at least two other ENGAGE.EU partner universities, which are included in the teaching concept
 - ⇒ Issuing a “Call for Teaching” with precise specifications for the teaching formats and content of the partner universities within the Summer/Winter School
 - ⇒ Integration of partner universities in on-campus format
 - ⇒ Issuing a “Call for Participation” for students of all disciplines within the ENGAGE.EU partner universities
 - ⇒ A digital kick-off before the start of the Summer/Winter School for all students (and lecturers, if applicable)

- **Category 3: Other teaching projects within ENGAGE.EU**

Do you have an idea for a teaching project with at least two other ENGAGE.EU partner universities that does not fit the first two categories? Send us your application under category 3.

Application Requirements

Teaching projects that are eligible for funding are taught in English, they are part of the ENGAGE.EU program and are not yet funded in any other way.

Procedure

Applications for funding from “Lehre@ENGAGE.EU” can be submitted from 27 March to 15 June 2025. Please send the completed form via e-mail to lehre-engage@uni-mannheim.de.

This funding fund is a supplement to the ENGAGE.EU-wide ‘Call for Seed Funding’, which is offered at the same time. A parallel application is possible (but not for category 2, which is not eligible for funding under the ‘Call for Seed Funding’).

A selection committee decides which projects will receive funding. The committee is made up of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Learning, a representative of the Teaching and Learning Center, and a representative of Division II. Selection is based on the following criteria:

- Feasibility of the teaching project
- Compatibility of the teaching project with ENGAGE.EU
- Appropriateness of resource usage

We are happy to support you...

...be it in developing concepts, applying for funding or in implementing your project.

This is what we offer:

- Didactic advice for developing concepts, applying for funding and for implementing your project
- Support in using the infrastructure (video studios, audio recordings, hybrid classrooms)
- Joint development of digital exam concepts and support in implementing them
- Support in process- and organization-related questions, for example, accommodation of ENGAGE students, billing, issuing certificates, etc.

Contact

Please find further information on ENGAGE.EU [here](#). In case of any questions, please contact us via lehre-engage@uni-mannheim.de.