

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

Call for applications for the spring semester 2024

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 are introducing the “Lehre@ENGAGE.EU” fund in the spring semester 2024. The fund is to support teachers in redesigning and digitalizing their existing curriculum and motivate them to develop collaborative teaching projects and new programs.

Funding

This call for proposals includes five categories with five ways to contribute to ENGAGE.EU. **In case you have an idea that fits none of the five categories, please contact us and present your idea.** Ideas that do not fit categories 1-5 can be named under 6. Funding is available from 1 September 2024 at the earliest. You can receive funds for personnel such as academic staff members¹ and student assistants and for travel expenses.

- **Category 1: Opening existing classes for the Online Exchange Initiative (OEI), that were not yet digitalized**
⇒ Digitalization of existing classes
Funding options: Personnel costs of up to EUR 2,000 (about 125 hours of a student assistant without a degree)
- **Category 2: Integrating existing classes in joint modules or programs**
⇒ Digitalization of existing classes and/or
⇒ Adapting the existing course materials to a module
⇒ If applicable, coordination of module content with international partners
Funding options: Personnel costs of up to EUR 4,000 (about 250 hours of a student assistant without a degree)

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 3: 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.
 - ⇒ 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

Funding options: Personnel costs of up to EUR 40,000 (about 50% position of an academic staff member (E13) for 12 months)

- **Category 4: Developing joint certificate programs (joint programs)**
 - ⇒ Developing and implementing an entire course concept with at least two other ENGAGE.EU partner universities.
 - ⇒ Developing a concept for the entire program
 - ⇒ Coordinating the curriculum with ENGAGE.EU partner universities
 - ⇒ Developing a selection process
 - ⇒ Joint concept for examinations
 - ⇒ Drafting selection statutes and study regulations
 - ⇒ Designing processes for recognition/accreditation of the program of study
 - ⇒ Incorporating the program of study as part of the program offer at the respective university
 - ⇒ Approval and support of the examination committee and the admissions committee of the respective schools/departments are required

Funding options: Personnel costs of up to EUR 60,000 (about 50% position of an academic staff member (E13) for 18 months)

- **Category 5: Developing joint degree programs (bachelor’s/master’s)**
 - ⇒ Developing and implementing an entire course concept with at least two other ENGAGE.EU partner universities.
 - ⇒ Developing a concept for the entire program
 - ⇒ Coordinating the curriculum with ENGAGE.EU partner universities
 - ⇒ Developing a selection process
 - ⇒ Joint concept for examinations
 - ⇒ Drafting selection statutes and study regulations
 - ⇒ Designing processes for recognition/accreditation of the program of study
 - ⇒ Incorporating the program of study as part of the program offer at the respective university
 - ⇒ Approval and support of the examination committee and the admissions committee of the respective schools/departments are required

Funding options: Personnel costs of up to EUR 80,000 (about 50% position of an academic staff member (E13) for 24 months)

*We are happy to support you in finding the right teaching partners at the partner universities.

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 April to 5 May. Please send the completed [form](#) via e-mail to selina.hoffmann@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 Learning, a representative of the Teaching and Learning Center, a representative or Division II and a representative of the ENGAGE.EU management office. Selection is based on the following criteria:

- Feasibility
- Compatibility 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 organizing your project, for example, issuing certificates or networking with ENGAGE.EU partners and corporate partners
- Support in searching for the right teaching partners at partner universities
- Support in using the infrastructure (video studios, audio recordings, hybrid classrooms)
- Joint development of digital exam concepts and support in implementing them
- Support in the process, for example, accommodation of ENGAGE students and billing

Contact

Please find further information on ENGAGE.EU [here](#). In case of any questions, please contact the Selina Hoffmann via selina.hoffmann@uni-mannheim.de or via Teams.