



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR **FUTURE VIABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

We invite applications for

PROJECT SUPPORT

Deadline for the next round of applications:

FEBRUARY 28TH 2016

“**Small Projects—Quick Support**” is the motto underpinning the Center for a Sustainable University's (KNU) funding program designed to support relevant research projects and small-scale academic events focusing on sustainability and future viability.

OVERVIEW OF **CALL FOR PROJECT SUPPORT**

Objective	Assistance or “ push-start funding ” for relevant research and small-scale academic events in the fields of sustainability and future viability
Target Group	Young researchers at the Universität Hamburg (doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers)
Funding Amount	Max. €5,000 per project
Application	Application (max. 5 pages) following specified structure together with written confirmation of support from a mentor
Selection Procedure	Review and funding decisions through KNU selection committee.
Deadline	February 28th 2016

The Universität Hamburg's **strategic concept** “*University for a Sustainable Future*” firmly posits the idea of sustainability at the center of the University's plans for the future. In establishing the Center for a Sustainable University (KNU) in 2011, the University laid the institutional foundations for a sustainable future. The purpose of the KNU is to contribute to the Universität Hamburg's transformation into a sustainable university and to assist in cementing its future viability in research, teaching, education, and university governance. The KNU thus provides support funding for projects in the field of future viability and sustainability.

OBJECTIVE

As part of its mission to develop into a university for a sustainable future, Universität Hamburg would like to address not only those disciplines already tackling the question of sustainability

but also **those disciplines in which “sustainability” has played a hitherto marginal role**, and encourage researchers in these fields to sharpen their sensibility for the concept of sustainability in all its breadth and diversity.

For further information on research topics addressed, please see:

<https://www.nachhaltige.uni-hamburg.de/uebernachhaltigkeit/nachhaltigkeitsdimensionen.html>

REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING

Students and doctoral students at the Universität Hamburg are eligible to apply. This call is directed in particular at **young researchers** (doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers). Projects must be supervised by a **mentor** who is an active professor / junior professor at Universität Hamburg.

Projects that receive funding must address the topic of sustainability from one or more of its various aspects (relating to thematic content, scholarly/scientific reflection and critique, didactics, or institutional aspects).

Successful projects will be expected to **contribute** on matters addressed by key questions such as:

- What does sustainability mean from the perspective of the different disciplines? How can we grasp the concept theoretically? How can we implement sustainability?
- What does sustainability in science and scholarship mean? How can we conceive of, substantiate, and shape sustainability from a variety of perspectives?
- How do research projects contribute to sustainability?
- Where do the disciplinary commonalities and differences in our comprehension of sustainability lie? What consequences do these have for interdisciplinary cooperation in this area?
- What characterizes sustainable education and how should it be imparted?
- What are the preconditions and criteria for sustainable institutions and governance from the micro to the macro level in a globalized world?

FUNDING AMOUNT

Funding aims to provide project support enabling researchers to conduct relevant research work and organize small-scale academic events.

A maximum of **€5,000** is available per project.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications (excluding appendix) should not exceed **5 pages** (single spacing, Arial 12 font) and should **follow the structure below**:

1. Personal and contact details
2. Details of project (title, aim, literature review, methods, working program)
3. Relationship to sustainability and expected contribution to sustainability discourse
4. Cost calculation
5. Opportunities for developing and funding the project beyond this stage of support
6. Criteria for evaluation

Please include the following documentation in the **appendix**:

- curriculum vitae and publication list for each major contributor (detailing two most important publications)
- statement from an active professor / junior professor at Universität Hamburg declaring her/his willingness to take on the role of academic mentor for the project

Early stage researchers may not yet have accrued the requisite number of publications and may therefore instead provide details of the current status of their doctoral or *Habilitation* project.

Please address applications and application form to the Center for a Sustainable University, Mittelweg 177, 20148 Hamburg and submit them via email to knu@uni-hamburg.de using the reference "**Application for Föli 4.**"

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Funding decisions will be made by a **selection committee consisting of members of the Center for a Sustainable University on the basis of a comparative assessment of written documentation** provided by candidates in their applications. Applications will be assessed according to the academic quality of the project, the relevant qualifications of the contributors, and the importance of the proposal for the field of sustainability.

Should you require further information or have any queries, please contact the **KNU** at knu@uni-hamburg.de or call us during our **office hours for funding matters** on **Mondays 2–4 pm** at +49 40 42838-5580.