



## **Call for proposals:**

### **Latitude for teaching staff to develop innovative teaching and learning concepts**

The University of Göttingen is calling for proposals to be awarded project funding in the summer semester 2016 to create latitude for teaching staff to develop innovative teaching and learning concepts; the funds are provided by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) within the framework of its support for the Göttingen Campus Q<sup>PLUS</sup>. The total funding available to selected projects in the summer semester 2016 is EUR 50,000.

#### ***Objective:***

Teachers shall be relieved of teaching duties and given latitude to create new concepts to foster the development of quality in teaching. Funding will be awarded to projects that seek to improve the quality of teaching, for instance in the following ways:

- by developing new concepts for degree courses and course formats
- by introducing new concepts and measures aimed at teaching in higher education
- by including elements of research-oriented teaching and learning
- by reinforcing the practical relevance of current degree programmes
- by reducing student drop out rates
- by developing concepts to accommodate increasing diversity within the student body.

The experience and concepts that the projects yield will be shared with other persons responsible for degree programmes, also teachers, among others in the form of a written report on results.

### ***Scope of funding***

A funding volume of up to approx. EUR 20,000 can be provided to each project selected in the summer semester 2016.

The individual projects have a term of one semester. If selected, project work will start on 1 April 2016.

The following measures are eligible for funding:

a) relief or partial relief from teaching duties through

- the award of teaching assignments to substitute teachers (e.g. to visiting scientists or external junior researchers) to ease the teaching load
- substitution by research assistants or by teaching staff with special duties.

b) funding of a research assistant for the relevant project period to support the objectives of the project.

Further, funds of EUR 2,200 may be awarded to each selected project to hold workshops aimed at producing concepts. Here, the funding may only cover the fees and travel expenses for external speakers.

It is not permitted to use these funds to finance acting professors according to W-grade civil service pay, student or graduate research assistants or other assets other than those mentioned above. Equally, financing of faculty staff is not eligible for funding, unless it involves increasing the hours of staff otherwise employed on a part-time basis.

### ***Selection criteria and award conditions***

A selection committee will be tasked with selecting the projects eligible for funding; it shall be chaired by the Vice-President for Teaching and Learning; the dean of studies and students shall also be represented.

The selection will be based on the following criteria:

- project contribution to improving the quality of teaching
- innovative character and underlying potential for further developing the idea
- feasibility of the project under consideration of the available resources
- sustainability of the project idea beyond the term of funding
- transferability of the project idea and social benefit
- classification of the overall concept within the respective faculty/ies involved
- suitable quality assurance measures to review the project performance.

## **Applications**

Interested persons are invited to send an informal application in a scope of no more than 4 DIN A4 pages by post or email via the dean of studies

**by 15 November 2015**

Please address the application to:

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The application documents should, at least, contain the following information:

- the type and amount of funding being applied for
- a brief, easily comprehensible project description and description of the status quo
- explanation of the overarching goal and, if applicable, project milestones
- description of the measures intended to create improvements in teaching, starting with the status quo as shown (follow-up applications for a project that has already received funding should refer to the evaluation of the previous project)
- explanation and reasoning of the innovative character within the planned project in regard to teaching
- explanation of feasibility and sustainability of the planned measures
- schedule with milestones
- description of tasks for the positions applied for and any other persons involved
- resource and financing plan
- delineation to other funding measures that may be ongoing within the framework of the Göttingen Campus Q<sup>PLUS</sup> project
- an assurance that funding has not been applied for with a different body in regard to the same or a materially equivalent project and that the project is not already the recipient of funding from a different body.

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