

# Project Funding Guidelines AG Nachhaltigkeit

## Conditions of participation

- The size of the project team is freely selectable. The main applicant must be enrolled as a student or doctoral candidate at the University of Basel.
- Students and doctoral students from all disciplines at the University of Basel can apply for project funding.
- A person can only apply for one project as the main applicant. Team membership is also possible in other projects.
- The project should be implemented within 12 months. It is possible to agree a longer project duration in consultation with the Board of the AG Nachhaltigkeit. An application for a follow-up project is also a possibility.

## Projects

- The project must make a concrete contribution to sustainable development at the University of Basel or in the Basel area. The Sustainable Development Goals provide orientation here. The project can have a social, ecological or economic focus.
- The project can aim to generate economic profit (e.g. founding a start-up) as long as this is used or reinvested in line with the project objectives.
- Projects that primarily aim to provide services for an existing profit-oriented company (e.g. in the form of contract work) are not funded.
- The implementation of projects and the timing of the disbursement of funds will be discussed individually with the management of the AG Nachhaltigkeit and the Sustainability Office.
- The projects must present an update on the status and next steps of the project at least once per semester at a Board Meeting of the AG Nachhaltigkeit.

## Financial support

- Financial support for projects amounts to up to CHF 1000 per project, depending on requirements.
- The budget is discussed with the Board of the AG Nachhaltigkeit, which consults the Sustainability Office, before the funds are released. The Board and the Sustainability Office reserve the right to adjust the requested budget.
- The financial support may be used to pay for, among other things, expenses that offer added value for project implementation, including out-of-pocket expenses. Expenses for

materials or equipment required for the implementation of the project. The loan of required material or equipment is preferred to a purchase.

- Financial support may NOT be used to pay for wages for team members.
- The financial resources will not be paid out to the project group on private or association accounts, but will be reimbursed in the form of out-of pocket expenses or handled through the payment of invoices.
- Legal recourse is excluded.

## Evaluation criteria

The applications submitted will be evaluated by Board of the AG Nachhaltigkeit on the basis of the following criteria:

- Impact:
  - Potential of the project to make a contribution to sustainable development or to advance the university's efforts towards sustainable development. Activities with high visibility and/or multiplier effects are welcome.
- Innovation:
  - Novelty and originality of the project (for the selected context).
- Collaboration:
  - Exchange and networking, inclusion of or collaboration with representatives: of other disciplines, civil society, the private or public sector (inter- and transdisciplinarity).
- Efficiency:
  - Relationship between requested funds and expected results. Feasibility within the available financial means, time frame and resources.
- Competencies:
  - Further development of the professional and methodological skills of the team members and the target group.
- Diversity and inclusion:
  - Consideration of diversity aspects in project implementation (e.g. gender and perspective diversity) and in the project-specific target group (different situations, starting points, experiences).

The criteria serve as a guideline for the holistic development of the project. Not every criterion has to be met in full. The weighting of the criteria is at the discretion of the Board of the AG Nachhaltigkeit.

## Application

The application form can be found on the website of the AG Nachhaltigkeit:

<https://www.ag-nachhaltigkeit-unibasel.com/>.

The application form will be processed by the Board of the AG Nachhaltigkeit as soon as possible.