

Call for Applications

Innovation Pool Funds for Short-Term Scientific Missions, public outreach activities, and student projects

The steering committee of the Competence Centre Landscape Resilience of the University of Göttingen (UGOE) is pleased to invite motivated researchers, students, and staff to apply for the exciting funding programme **Innovation Pool** with the following focus areas:

1. Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM)

- **Target Group:** Early career researchers (doctoral and postdoctoral researchers) from UGOE interested in land use, resilience, and innovative research methods
- **Description:** Funding for 1-2 months research stays in 2026 (Short-Term Scientific Missions) to develop methods, publications, and foster international networking
- **Application:** One-page project proposal with host information, goals, impact, budget (use template)
- **Funding Amount:** Up to €3,000 per month (max. 2 months possible) for travel, fees, accommodation (no salary)
- **Timeline:** the research stay needs to take place in 2026

2. Public Outreach

- **Target Group:** Students and staff from UGOE interested in science communication within the topic of land use and resilience; group applications possible
- **Description:** Funding in 2026 for e.g. the organisation of events related to land use and resilience, production of a brochure, collaboration with Forum Wissen, hosting of lecture series/ring lecture. The goal should be to enhance visibility and exchange within the scientific community and the public.
- **Application:** One-page project proposal with goal, impact, and budget (use template)
- **Funding Amount:** Up to €10,000 available, several small projects possible
- **Timeline:** the proposed project needs to be implemented by August 2026

3. Student Projects

- **Target Group:** UGOE Bachelor's and Master's students; group application possible
- **Description:** Funding in 2026 for a project (BSc or MSc theses are not funded!) or field work within the topic of land use and resilience, organisation of field excursions for practical research experience, self-organised student activities etc.
- **Application:** One-page project proposal with goal, impact, and budget (use template)
- **Funding Amount:** Up to €4,000 available, several small projects possible
- **Timeline:** the proposed project needs to be implemented by August 2026

How to apply and deadline

Proposals should be submitted using the corresponding template (please use the Excel spreadsheet for the budget calculation). Send the application **in one pdf** to landscape.resilience@forst.uni-goettingen.de

For further information, please visit the [website of the Competence Centre](#).

If you have questions, please contact: landscape.resilience@forst.uni-goettingen.de

DEADLINE: 15th January 2026, 12:00 (midday).

Proposals will be evaluated by the steering committee based on the criteria below. Decisions will be communicated in written form.

Evaluation criteria

1. Importance for research within the scope of the Competence Centre
2. Support of the Competence Centre's strategic mission and visibility
3. Promotion of integration among UGOE researchers
4. Proposed impact and outcome
5. Demonstrated absence of other funding sources
6. Feasibility of proposed budget and timeline

We look forward to your proposals!