

Winter School Studium Oecologicum at the University of Mannheim

Call for Teaching

I. General information about the Winter School

The ENGAGE.EU Winter School Studium Oecologicum is an intensive, **two-week winter programme with a mix of virtual and in-presence elements for bachelor's students from all fields of studies**, hosted by the University of Mannheim in **January 2025**. Input will be given by lecturers of at least three ENGAGE.EU partner universities. The overall aim of the Winter School Studium Oecologicum is to provide the students with state of the art knowledge and skills on the topic of sustainability across Europe. Interdisciplinary academic exchange and intercultural experiences are central elements of the programme. In line with the general ENGAGE.EU goals, the students will be equipped with hard and soft skills needed to tackle societal challenges and act as responsible future leaders.

During their one-week stay at the campus in Mannheim, the students will participate in one of the following two interdisciplinary seminars: 'Managing Sustainability Projects' or 'Communicating Sustainability - without Greenwashing'. The seminars will be supplemented by workshops and excursions into the local Mannheim ecosphere.

In the week prior to the physical part of the Winter School, students will participate in several online elements, such as a kick-off followed by a first input session of their seminar, as well as several **online workshops offered by lecturers of our partner universities** to give further insights into their research-specific or country-specific sustainability aspects.

The Winter School Studium Oecologicum takes place from 13 to 24 January 2025. From **14 to 17 January, all teaching elements will be held online**. The physical part will take place from 20 January to 24 January at the University of Mannheim. The language of instruction is English. The overall number of students accepted in the programme is 45.

II. Teaching invitation for ENGAGE.EU faculty members

For the online part of the Winter School, the University of Mannheim is recruiting members of faculty from ENGAGE.EU partner universities who would be interested in giving an **online workshop on the theme of sustainability**. Workshops should be designed for 15-25 students. **The online workshops should take place between 14 and 17 January**. Members from **any school or department** of the ENGAGE.EU partners are welcome to hand in their application. The **duration of an online workshop can be 90 to 180 minutes** and should be designed in an interactive way that allows students to participate actively and to go into discussion with fellow students and teachers in equal measure. There is no further limitation on the topic of

sustainability, all ideas are welcome. If you wish, you are **welcome to involve an organisation outside of academia in your workshop** to provide some practical insights into sustainability.

Each online workshop will be remunerated with €300 (via a freelance contract with our 'University of Mannheim Service & Marketing Company').

III. Application instructions

If you are interested in giving an online workshop in the Winter School Studium Oecologicum, please **send the following documents to sw-school@uni-mannheim.de by 9 June 2024:**

- Your curriculum vitae incl. research activities
- Detailed outline of your online workshop idea (min. 300 words)
- If part of your idea: Details of the organisation giving practical input in your online workshop
- Information on teaching preferences:
 - Available Date(s)
(please list all days between 14-17 January that you could hold the workshop)
 - Time(s) that you would be available on those days (flexible or specific)
 - Maximum number of students in your workshop (between 15 and 25)
 - Please also state if you have a requirement for the minimum number of students in your workshop

We will contact you regarding the outcome of your application by the end of June.

In case of any questions regarding the application or the programme, please reach out to Kathrin Blitzke on sw-school@uni-mannheim.de.