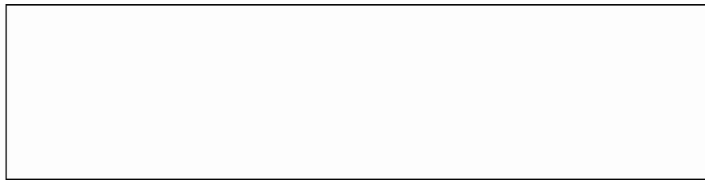




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Application Guidelines for the LMU Sustainability Fund

I. Purpose of the Funding

Sustainability is a strategic cross-cutting theme in LMU's overall strategy. The university systematically integrates it into its core areas of responsibility and supporting structures. For LMU, sustainability means addressing increasingly complex future challenges related to people, society, culture, the environment, and technology, developing interdisciplinary solutions, and integrating them into the university's core functions – also in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the concept of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

The LMU Sustainability Fund supports the following objectives across all areas of responsibility:

- strengthening of interdisciplinary research for sustainability,
- integrating sustainability into courses,
- generating active contribution to sustainable development through impact-oriented transfer,
- supporting sustainable infrastructure projects across the university

Up to **€750,000 in funding can be awarded annually** through the Sustainability Fund.

II. Funding Lines

LMU provides **seed funding** in the following funding lines:

- Sustainability in Research:** Funding for interdisciplinary research projects that address various aspects of sustainability and contribute to overcoming sustainability challenges.

Funding amount: up to **€50,000**

- Sustainability in Teaching:** Funding for interdisciplinary projects in undergraduate and graduate teaching that integrate sustainability content (into the curriculum) and contribute to Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), particularly in degree programs where this content is currently barely represented.

Funding amount: up to **€50,000**

- Sustainable Transfer Projects:** Funding for transfer formats and projects in cooperation with an external partner to address different aspects of sustainability and contribute to tackling sustainability challenges.

Funding amount: up to **€25,000**

- d. **Sustainable Infrastructure Projects:** Funding for infrastructure projects that contribute to sustainability. This may include grants for complementary or additional measures as part of a planned or ongoing infrastructure project.

Funding amount: up to **€30,000**

Eligible to apply are LMU faculties, central institutions,¹ and the Faculty of Medicine for the institutions of the LMU University Hospital, the latter exclusively in funding lines a and b. Multiple proposals must be prioritized by the faculty or central institution.

The funds can be used for **personnel and material expenses** as well as for **investments**.

The funds can be used flexibly within the approved funding period from **1 January 2026, to 31 December 2027**.

When applying, it is desirable for project teams to include members at different career stages and disciplines, with particular emphasis on involving students.

III. Selection Criteria

The University Governing Board will select projects on the basis of the following criteria, which must be persuasively addressed in the proposals:

- quality of the proposed project
- feasibility and sufficiently precise planning of the project
- plausible justification of the link to sustainability, reference to the dimensions of sustainability (environmental, economic, social) as well as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)
- plausible description of the tasks and roles of the project team members, especially with regard to the proposed interdisciplinary approach
- involvement of students in funding line b and, if appropriate, in other funding lines
- expected results and outcomes, including measurable criteria, especially with regard to sustainability dimensions
- plausible description of the long-term impact of the project beyond the funding period, including a strategy for the institutionalization of structures, processes, or results

¹ Munich Center for Teacher Education, Gene Center, Institute of Bavarian History, Center for Advanced Studies, University Library, Central University Administration, Student Council.

Double funding of the same project under other central funding formats (such as LMUexcellent or the Fund for the Promotion of Good Teaching) is excluded.

IV. Submission of Proposal

Proposals in German or English must be submitted via an online form to the University Governing Board by **30 September 2025**. All information on the proposal process and the link to the application form can be found at <https://www.lmu.de/sustainability-fund/>. Proposals should be submitted by the dean or head of the central institution.

LMU promotes a culture of internationality, diversity and equal opportunity for its members and strongly encourages all members of the university to participate in the call for proposals.

V. Selection Procedure

The Sustainability Committee will evaluate the proposals and submit a funding recommendation to the University Governing Board. The University Governing Board will reach a final decision on the selection of proposals and the resources to be granted on the basis of the recommendations by the Sustainability Committee.

In rendering its decision, the University Governing Board may draw on external expertise.

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