

## 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 2026**. 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 two interdisciplinary seminars. 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 12 to 23 January 2026. From **13 to 16 January, all teaching elements will be held online**. The physical part will take place from 19 January to 23 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 15-20 students. **The online workshops should take place between 13 and 16 January**. Members from **any school or department** of the ENGAGE.EU partners are welcome to hand in their application. The **duration of the online workshop should be between 3 and 4 hours long**. We are looking for an online workshop that is **designed to be interactive** - with room for **exchange, discussion and activating methods** such as group work or case analyses. Ideally, direct **practical relevance** is established and the **students deal with the content independently, contribute their**

**prior knowledge, and actively shape the learning process.** Please make sure to keep the workshop character and to **not implement a lecture format**. 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](mailto:sw-school@uni-mannheim.de) by 15 June 2025**:

- Your curriculum vitae incl. research activities
- Detailed workshop agenda outlining the session structure, applied teaching methods, and how the intended learning outcomes will be achieved
- 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 13-16 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 20)
  - 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 4 July.

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