



Ninth call for Internationalization Fund flagship projects focusing on:

1) Mobility windows and structured short-term mobilities for incoming and outgoing students and staff

2) New curricular elements and learning activities taught in English or French

3) International matchmaking and partnership-building activities

There are numerous reasons why Saarland University has an outstanding international profile: a high number of international degree programmes; a proportion of international students and graduates far above the national average; a strong European focus with particular emphasis on France; a large number of active international partnerships; close cross-border cooperation as part of the University of the Greater Region (UniGR) and the European university alliance Transform4Europe (T4EU).

At Saarland University, internationalization spans all aspects of university life and is an essential pillar of the university's development strategy. In order to achieve its internationality objectives, Saarland University has defined a number of internationalization goals in its university development plan and set out measures designed to meet these targets. For this ninth call for project proposals, the Internationalization Committee has selected three key topics from the university's internationalization strategy to help drive forward and enhance internationalization.

- Increased mobility through the creation of mobility windows and other innovative, structured mobility formats (including short-term mobilities). Proposals for funding individual mobilities will not be considered.
- Promoting the university's multilingual approach to higher education and boosting its attractiveness for international students by creating new curricular components to be taught in English or French.
- Matchmaking formats designed to encourage new academic cooperation and partnerships that will strengthen collaborative international research and teaching activities and help develop new international networks and platforms for cooperation. This funding is not meant to replace, but to supplement, other forms of financial support.



Saarland University's Internationalization Committee is therefore announcing its ninth call for flagship projects in the following areas: **Mobility windows and structured short-term mobilities for incoming and outgoing students and staff; New curricular elements and learning activities taught in English or French; International matchmaking and partnership-building activities**

Grants of up to **€3,000** are available to implement small-scale projects. Larger packages of measures can receive up to **€10,000** in funding. If the proposed project involves partner institutions within the T4EU or UniGR alliances, the maximum amount of funding that can be provided increases by a further €5,000. We welcome projects that involve cooperation between the different faculties and/or different units in the university's central institutions and central administration.

The International Relations Division will be pleased to advise you on formulating your application and, where appropriate, connect you with other experts or resources at Saarland University.

Eligibility: Funding applications can be submitted by all members of the university's faculties, central institutions and central administration. Applications from central institutions should focus on measures of relevance to all university faculties. The Internationalization Committee welcomes joint project proposals involving cooperation with one or more faculties.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- To what extent does the proposal foster internationalization? What added value is created for our international students, doctoral research students, researchers and employees?
- To what extent does the proposed project help to increase mobility, boost the number of international students or drive research networking?
- Does the proposal serve as a model for others and is it transferable to other departments or areas of the university?
- Is the project designed to be sustainable? What effects are expected in the medium and long term? How can these be measured? In the case of longer-term activities, how can the long-term funding and/or continuation of the activity be achieved?
- In the case of proposals involving collaboration with T4EU or UniGR alliance partners: How does the measure being proposed strengthen the UniGR or



Transform4Europe alliance? What effects are expected in the medium and long term?

- Are other co-funding sources being used (external funding, other central funds, other funding programmes)?

Eligible costs

- Personnel costs (for a maximum of 12 months)
- Project costs (including teaching assignments, research assistants)
- Travel expenses
- Grant towards project costs
- Project duration: maximum one year

Funding from the Internationalization Fund will only be provided if standard funding options are not available and funding from other central funds or from external budgets is not possible.

Selection process

- Applications must be submitted to the International Relations Division (intfonds@uni-saarland.de) using the [application form](#) via the Dean of the faculty or the management of the institution or organizational unit applying.
- Applications may be submitted in German, French or English. If you wish to submit an application in French or English, please enclose an abstract in German with your application (max. length: 2,000 characters incl. spaces). The abstract should contain a brief description of the proposed measure or project and should explain how it will contribute to strengthening internationalization at Saarland University.
- **Application deadlines: 10 June 2025, 15 October 2025 and 10 March 2026**
- You will be notified of the outcome of your funding application within one month after the next scheduled meeting of the Internationalization Committee and following approval from the University Board. The scheduled meeting dates are listed in the committee calendar on Saarland University's website.
- All publications produced in association with the funded project (e.g. posters, flyers, websites) should include the words "funded by the Internationalization Fund of Saarland University" together with the Saarland University logo.



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- The department making the application is required to submit a project and financial report to the International Relations Division no later than three months after completion of the project. The report must provide details of project implementation and of how the funds were used. (The report form is available online or can be made available to you on request.)
 - The department submitting the application should inform the university's Press and Public Relations Office about the project and its content and should provide further information for reporting purposes as required. Information may also be made available and shared via the International Relations Division's Instagram accounts.