

## Student Initiatives PLUS

Call for proposals of the Academy for Teaching Development (ALe) at Friedrich Schiller University Jena

### **Preamble**

The ALe supports the commitment of teachers who are committed to the high quality of university teaching. The [principles of good \(digital\) teaching](#) at the University of Jena form the basis for teaching projects to be funded. The funding decisions also take into account strategic and current challenges in teaching, such as digitization, democracy building, internationalization, interdisciplinarity, sustainability, and inclusion.

### **1. Objectives**

The ALe, in cooperation with the Ernst Abbe Foundation, supports student engagement in teaching and learning at Friedrich Schiller University Jena. The funding line *Student Initiatives Plus* is intended to provide financial support for individual student projects which encourage the subject-specific or interdisciplinary exchange related to learning and teaching or those projects which focus on the promotion of the academic teaching and learning.

### **2. Requirements**

In the present funding line, individual projects may be funded with up to €2,500 each.

The funds granted may be used for the following expenses:

- personnel costs for student assistant or tutors;
- fees for speakers, moderators;
- costs related to events<sup>1</sup>;
- costs for documentation and publication of the project-specific results and findings.

Grant holders must provide a brief description of the project funded (maximum 1,000 words) immediately after the grant approval. This project description will be published on the Academy's website.

In addition, the grant holder is expected to provide a report (up to three pages) on each project funded within six weeks after the end of the project.

If the project is granted funds, the grant holder shall provide the information that the project is funded by the ALe and the Ernst Abbe Foundation within the funding line *Student Initiatives* to ensure the public visibility of the measure, e.g. in materials relating to the project and in the context of public appearances, e.g. at the event funded.

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The hospitality policy of Friedrich Schiller University Jena applies.

### 3. Procedure and selection criteria

Upon receipt of the application documents in due time (see information under no. 4 Application), the panel of experts of the ALe will generally make a selection decision on the applications to be funded within eight weeks after the end of the application period.

When assessing the proposals, the following criteria are taken into account in particular:

- The project or event will be planned and carried out by students of Friedrich Schiller University Jena.
- The project also supports student learning beyond study content in the narrow sense.
- The concrete objective of the project can be achieved within the funding period.
- The project involves existing student initiatives that fulfil some of the above criteria.

### 4. Submitting proposals

A proposal for funding of a student initiative may be submitted by all enrolled students.

The initiative which is about to carry out the project funded must consult the department or the faculty prior to the submission.

A project draft must not exceed three pages and must contain the following information:

1. Short summary of the project (max. 1,000 characters)
2. Objective of the project
3. Information on time frame and funding (project in total).

The following documents must also be enclosed:

1. Application form including confirmation from the faculty management regarding support for the project (available for download at [Funding of the ALe \(uni-jena.de\)](https://www.uni-jena.de/ale/funding))
2. CV(s) of the applicant(s)
3. Budget plan (calculation tool available in the download section at [Funding of the ALe \(uni-jena.de\)](https://www.uni-jena.de/ale/funding))

Applications are to be submitted electronically (all documents in one PDF file (not scanned) **exclusively via the faculty management**. You may apply for the funding twice a year. The deadlines for submission of application documents by the faculties to the ALe ([ale@uni-jena.de](mailto:ale@uni-jena.de)) are 15 March or 15 September. For information on **the faculties' deadlines**, please see [Funding of the ALe \(uni-jena.de\)](https://www.uni-jena.de/ale/funding).

The entire procedure is governed by the guidelines for the allocation of funds of the Academy for Teaching Development at Friedrich Schiller University Jena.