



Call for Applications

LehrZeit at Osnabrück University

Draft Proposal for the Summer Semester 2026

Application form at www.uos.de/ausschreibunglehrzeit

Title of Concept/Project Idea	<input type="text"/>
Title, first name, surname of applicant	<input type="text"/>
Institute/ Program	<input type="text"/>
Tel:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>
Other Participants	<input type="text"/>
Only if application is being made by a member of the teaching staff: What criteria should be used to select the students who are required to participate?	
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Is there a sustainability statement from the Dean of Studies? *	
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1. Brief description of the concept/project

- What is your point of departure?
- What do you want to achieve? What is your idea for the advancement and development of teaching?
- Which of the four Quality and Qualification Targets for Studies and Teaching – Scientific Rigor, Interdisciplinarity, Profile Development, and Personal Development – would you like to meet based on your idea?
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2. Sustainability and Transferability

- How can your idea be implemented in your subject area?
- If successful, (how) can your idea be integrated into the curriculum?
- (How) can your concept be applied to other subject areas or programs of study?

3. Approach and Required Resources

- What is your rough timeline (action plan/milestone plan)?
- Does your project envisage a reduction in teaching load (for how many people and by how much) or a 0.5 position for a research assistant for one semester to participate in the project?
- Do you require the support of VirtUOS/Higher Education Didactics?

Your draft proposal should not exceed two pages.

Please submit your draft proposal to the university administration—preferably electronically—by October 31, 2025, through the office of the Dean of Studies of your school.

Please direct any questions to **Dr. Britta Scheideler** (Tel. +49 541 969 4080, E-Mail: britta.scheideler@uos.de).

* Should you receive a positive response, you should acquire a sustainability statement from the Dean's Office that ensures the sustainable integration of the project using funds allocated for teaching. If you have any questions, please direct them to the contact person named above or the Vice President for Studies and Teaching.



It takes time to develop concepts and ideas. That is why we have issued this call for applications.

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Support and Funding

This goal of this call for applications is to support the development of concepts that focus on implementing the four Quality and Qualification Targets for Studies and Teaching at Osnabrück University—Scientific Rigor, Interdisciplinarity, Profile Development, and Personal Development—in various subject areas and degree programs, thereby contributing to a targeted improvement in the teaching program. The focus of this round of applications in 2025 is on projects and formats that take a creative approach to Q-Target 3: Profile Development and Professionalization, for example by organizing the initial phase of a student's time at university or by making studying more flexible (e.g. certificates or part-time programs).

Each year, approximately 3 project groups consisting of students and instructors are funded for one semester to develop and/or implement such concepts. Any participating instructors will be partially relieved from their teaching duties, and the resulting loss of teaching hours will be compensated. Alternatively to a reduction in teaching load, a 0.5 position for a research assistant may be requested who can participate in the project. Any participating students will receive contracts as student assistants. In the LehrKolleg (college for teaching innovations), the project groups will connect with each other, with Higher Education Didactics, and with the Permanent Working Group: Teaching (Ständige AG Lehre).

Applicants

Students or instructors in all teaching units. A project group must consist of at least one professor, three to five students, and usually one person from the non-professorial academic staff. Care is taken to fund projects in a balanced manner from among the total applications received, with some initiated and requested by students and others by instructors.

Duration of the Call for Applications

The call for applications is for the summer semester 2026.

Funding Duration and Amount

- The funding duration for each project group is one semester (call for applications 2025: summer semester 2026).
- For each project, up to approximately €25,000 can be requested for student assistant contracts for the participating students, as well as for the following mutually exclusive options a) and b):
 - a) compensation for loss of teaching hours. Participating instructors will be granted a teaching reduction of up to 9 contact hours in total, and the resulting loss of teaching hours will be compensated. For each participating instructor, teaching may be reduced by up to a maximum of 50 percent, and typically by up to 4 contact hours in absolute terms.
 - b) a 0.5 position for a research assistant to participate in the project. The teaching hours associated with the position do not count towards capacity limits and can therefore be included as additional teaching in the proposed teaching project.
- The compensation for lost teaching hours will either be provided through appropriately compensated teaching assignments, which may be considered of special relevance in accordance with Section 9 of the Guidelines on Teaching Assignments and Compensation at Osnabrück University, or through a 0.5 position for a lecturer for specific purposes (with 9 contact hours). A combination of individual teaching assignments and the partial appointment of a lecturer for specific purposes is not possible.
- The financing of currently employed staff can only be provided if it involves an increase in the hours of staff who are already working part-time, in order to compensate for lost teaching hours or to contribute to the project. Reallocation of funds for existing contracts is not permitted.
- Students (a maximum of 3-5 individuals) will receive student assistant contracts for their participation (for four or five contracts max. 10 hours per week) and, where relevant, credit points.

Application Criteria

- explicit reference to one of the four Quality and Qualification Targets for Studies and Teaching, with a focus in this round of applications on Q-Target 3: Profile Development and Professionalization.
- possibility of integrating the planned measure into the curriculum (e.g., as a mandatory elective) and awarding academic credit points
- transferability or model character for other teaching units
- high level of realizability/operationalizability of the proposed measure.

Selection Procedure/Jury

The jury consists of the members of the Permanent Working Group: Teaching (Ständige AG Lehre).

Sustainability/Quality Assurance

- significant innovative impact with a broad reach, as the funded concept proposals will be presented to the university community at university workshops and should, where possible, be transferable to other subject areas or programs of study.
- After the project funding period has ended, an evaluation or a comparable quality assurance measure will be conducted.