

3rd Special Call for Applications: Teaching in English

Internationality is defined in the [University of Münster's internationalisation strategy](#) as a fundamental element of research and teaching. It contributes to the university's excellence, competitiveness and attractiveness as a centre for research, study and work. Furthermore, internationalisation promotes intercultural dialogue and global understanding.

In consultation with the university community, the Rectorate Commission for Internationalisation has drawn up a catalogue of measures to implement the internationalisation strategy. These measures aim to promote the internationalisation of the university both strategically and structurally.

This special call for proposals forms part of the catalogue of measures and serves to expand the university's range of courses taught in English. Interested departments may apply for lump-sum grants to expand English-language courses within predominantly German-language degree programmes or to develop degree programmes taught entirely in English. Funding is provided from the Rectorate's Strategic Internationalisation Budget (SIB).

Objective

The aim of this funding is to increase the number of courses taught in English (minimum language level C1) and to develop international degree programmes in English, either as programmes offered by the University of Münster or in collaboration with international partners (so-called joint programmes). This funding is intended in particular to strengthen students' subject-specific language skills, expand the range of courses available to international students and enhance the international appeal of the University of Münster.

Aim

International curricula and course offerings not only increase the University of Münster's appeal to international students, but also promote the diversification of learning groups and contribute to the creation of an international classroom. Furthermore, they are an important tool for promoting the international mobility of University of Münster students and strengthening cooperation.

Courses taught in English courses enrich teaching at the University of Münster. A wide range of these courses enables students to expand their subject-specific language skills and international experience, as well as to better understand the international context of their own discipline. These courses offer valuable opportunities, particularly for students who are unable to study abroad themselves. Furthermore, they represent an attractive range of courses for international exchange students.

Degree programmes in English appeal to highly qualified international students (so-called 'degree seekers'). They enhance the international visibility of the University of Münster and are also of interest to German-speaking students, as they offer a global focus and can facilitate international career paths.

The funding measures serve to promote the internationalisation of teaching, raise the international profile of the University of Münster and secure international partnerships.

Application

Professors and lecturers at the University of Münster are eligible to apply, but require the application to be endorsed by the head of the department or the head of the central unit. Institutions actively involved in teaching are also eligible to apply.

The aim is to distribute the funds widely so that as many departments as possible benefit from the funding by the end of the programme period. Applications from departments that currently offer no, or only a very limited, range of courses taught in English will be given priority.

Departments that are already implementing measures funded via the Strategic Internationalisation Budget (SIB) may apply for funding to expand them.

First-time applications will be given priority.

Applications involving cooperation partners from the [Ulysseus](#) strategic university network are welcome but not mandatory.

Departments have the option of submitting their applications collectively and in order of priority.

If a department submits several individual applications, the Commission reserves the right to request prioritisation from the department's management.

Funding scope / Duration

- 1. Integration of English-language teaching into German-language degree programmes (BA/MA)/year
 - 05 to 10 CP/ECTS = € 5,000
 - 10 to 20 CP/ECTS = € 10,000
 - up to 30 CP/ECTS – only for long-term curricular integration (English Track) = € 15,000
 - Extension/expansion of English Track: up to € 5,000

Duration: max. 12 months (including interim and final reports)

- 2. Development of international, English-language degree programmes
 - € 30,000 – for newly developed degree programmes
 - up to € 10,000 – for programmes already at an advanced stage of development, particularly for funded projects

Duration: max. 18 months (including interim and final reports)

- It is possible to apply for funding for projects that began in the summer semester of 2026.
- The total funding period ends on 31 December 2028.

Funding

Lump sums available for flexible use.

Funding conditions

Applications from the Faculty of Medicine **cannot** be considered.

The department/the implementing institute/the applicant undertakes:

- to implement the project as described and to coordinate any changes during the course of the project
- to clarify academic and organisational matters (course topic, type of course, rooms, laboratories, assessment, awarding of credits/ECTS etc.)
- to appoint an academic contact person for the implementation
- to fully integrate the course as a regular course into the range of courses eligible for ECTS credits
- ensure the sustainability of the measures

Prerequisites

- The planned courses are subject-specific courses and no language courses.
- The courses are offered as compulsory or compulsory-elective modules.

- The courses will be published (Course Catalogue/website).
- The planned courses are additional to the teaching portfolio; a new subject-specific addition to the course offering.
- The courses are open to international exchange students, either virtually, in a hybrid format or in person.

- Degree programmes are offered entirely in English (no additional knowledge of German required) as degree programmes of the University of Münster (not affiliated institutions, such as Professional School) or in collaboration with international partners (joint programmes).
- A departmental decision has been taken to introduce the degree programme.

Application documents

- A completed and signed application form, including a financial plan and the approval of the Dean or the Director of Studies / Head of the central department
 - Description of the planned course and its place within the curriculum, including, where applicable, the international partners
- or
- Brief description of the planned degree programme concept, including a preliminary draft of an idealised degree programme structure, taking into account, where applicable, international partners

Assessment criteria

The selection criteria are:

- Stage of preparation and planning
- Sustainable integration into the academic structures of the department
- Academic and strategic significance of the courses/planned study programme
- Strategic importance of the partners: potential for future cooperation
- Innovative potential of the course/planned degree programme
- Academic suitability of the lecturer

Applications will be decided upon by a selection committee.

Application deadline: 27 May 2026

Please send signed applications as PDF document to sib.englische.lehre@uni-muenster.de

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