Fellowships for Digitised Higher Education

The Arbeitskreis E-Learning of the LRK Saxony and the Hochschuldidaktische Zentrum Sachsen (HDS) announce fellowships for the further development of digitized higher education at the Saxon universities in the following categories, subject to the provision of corresponding budget funds by the Saxon State Ministry for Science and Art:

single Fellowships
- All members and relatives (e.g. teachers, laboratory engineers, students) of Saxon universities (according to §1 as well as §49 SächsHSFG) as well as lecturers who are also employed at a Saxon university are entitled to apply
- Financial support of up to 12,000 euros is provided for the implementation of a project for a period of up to 2 years.

tandem fellowships
- for two eligible applicants (according to single fellowship)
- Financial support of up to 25,000 euros is provided for the implementation of a project for a period of up to 2 years.

Applications are submitted via the university management using an application form.

Objectives of the program
The aim of the program is to systematically develop the profitable use of digital tools and digitally supported methods in a teaching based on higher education didactics. The Fellowships are to be used in particular for concepts or activities for

- Supporting the development of digital competence of teachers and/or students,
- Testing and implementation of digitally supported teaching and examination methods and learning techniques, and
- Anchoring Open Educational Resources (OER) in teaching practice

The scalability of the results for transfer to the entire Saxon higher education area is mandatory.

The Fellowships are a financial support tied to the person of the applicant, which gives the Fellows the freedom and resources to carry out the planned teaching innovations. In a tandem fellowship, two people share the financial support. The awarding of several fellowships for a single development project is excluded. It is not possible to take or transfer fellowships to universities that are not assigned to §1 SächsHSFG.

Program services and regulations
The financial support is strongly connected with the implementation of the project applied for. Depending on requirements, they can be used for project-related support by student or scientific assistants, increasing the percentage of full-time equivalents, material costs, travel expenses. It is also possible to counter-finance limited reductions in the number of deputates in order to free up time for working on the project.

Participation in relevant events of the Arbeitskreis E-Learning and the HDS as well as co-authorship for the joint publication at the end of the program is expected. Further publications and visibility activities are also desirable. The committees should be informed about the status of work in an appropriate form.

1 The Fellows must be assigned to a structural unit at the university in order to use the financial support. These include professorships, central institutions, deaneries, student councils, and student representatives.
Application and selection
Applications should describe the project and include the following aspects (see electronic application form):

- didactic concept (higher education)
- Embedding of the objectives in the strategies (digitization, internationalization, academic success, ...) of the participating higher education institutions
- Integration of organizational units of the university
- Added value for teachers and students
- Possibilities of transferability / scaling
- sustainability concept
- financial plan
- Tandem: Added value of the cooperation

The following attachments must be attached to the application:

1. a brief description of the planned development project (max. 1,000 characters)
2. the scientific career of the Fellowship applicant (and of the cooperation partner when applying for a tandem fellowship), including information on teaching experience and, if applicable, any relevant scientific preparatory work of his/her own
3. for students, a description of the relevant activities relating to the proposed project

Applications can be submitted by 28.06.2019 by e-mail (ak-elearning@lrk-sachsen.de) to the office of the Arbeitskreis E-Learning using the application form.

Further procedure
After internal and external evaluation, a commission consisting of representatives of the Arbeitskreis E-Learning and the Hochschuldidaktisches Zentrum Sachsen will decide on the selection of Fellows until 01.08.2019. In addition to the aspects to be considered (cf. application and selection), the expected contribution of the planned project to the achievement of the goals set out in the “Strategy for Digitization in Higher Education” of the Saxon State Ministry of Education, Research and the Arts is also important.

The office of Arbeitskreis E-Learning of the LRK Saxony is available for further inquiries.