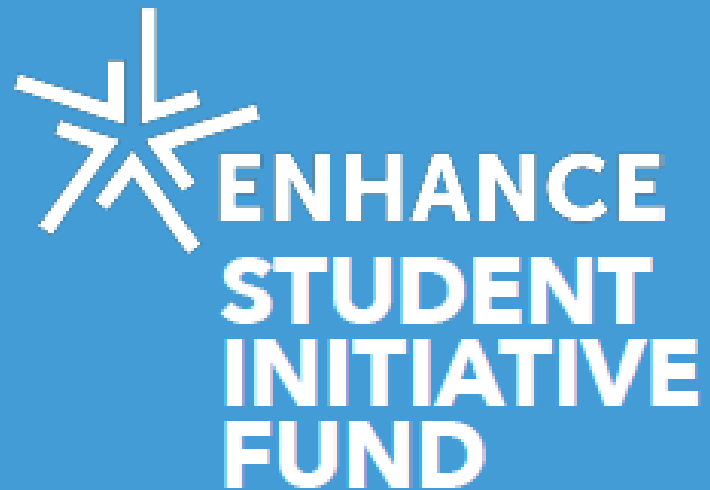


ENHANCE STUDENT INITIATIVE FUND CALL DOCUMENT



- Shape your campus
- Reflect your Europe
- Grants from 500 € to 1000 € available for student-led initiatives



Overview & Call Objectives

The ENHANCE Student Initiative Fund pilot opens in autumn 2026, with future editions anticipated! With this initiative, we build on existing actions in ENHANCE to foster further bottom-up engagement and support YOU as students of ENHANCE universities in becoming local changemakers. This pilot edition aims to fund up to 6 projects across ENHANCE, with funding of €500-€1,000 available per project.

Concretely, this Call aims to:

1. Support peer-to-peer promotion of ENHANCE through student-led activities that are relevant and accessible to local student communities
2. Drive greater student involvement in ENHANCE activities, beyond this specific call.
3. Promote increased awareness of ENHANCE and its opportunities for the community, with potential to increase participation in mobility and other learning opportunities
4. Develop students' project management, event management, budgeting and communication skills.
5. Establish stronger links between the ENHANCE Student Forum, local student government and student associations, and wider student communities in ENHANCE.

Application deadline & How to apply

Call opens: Tuesday 20th October

Deadline for Applications: 23:59 CET, Sunday 15th November

Join the ENHANCE Innovative Learning Campus Info Webinar for a chance to ask any questions to the organisers: 4 November 2026 17:30-18:30. Information and registration link [available here](#).

All applications must be submitted via the [online application form](#) by the deadline. As part of your application, you must submit a budget plan.

Please read this Call Document fully before submitting your application, to be sure you fulfil the requirements and submit all necessary information.

Call Eligibility

Projects are eligible for the initiative if they align with the above Student Initiative Fund objectives and following ENHANCE thematic priorities:

1. Training students: Activities that contribute to developing students' transferable skills and knowledge
2. Community building: Activities open to all the students of the university that foster greater collaboration between different groups, potentially including across different ENHANCE universities.
3. Promoting European sense of belonging: Activities that help translate European values into a local/institutional context
4. Internationalisation and intercultural exchange: Activities that foster intercultural understanding, international cooperation and engagement between local and international students.

There is no need for applications to address all of these points, but eligible projects will respond to at least some of these areas.

What can be funded?

Based on the project design requirements, funding of between €500-€1,000 is available. The pilot edition aims to fund 3-6 projects in total.

Project delivery must take place between 1 February 2027 and 31 July 2027.

Projects can take different formats and applicants are encouraged to be creative! To give some example actions, project applications could include:

- Workshops or networking events (trainings, community-building events)
- Student showcases and exhibitions
- Promotional Campaigns (including different communication formats e.g. videos, podcasts)
- Roundtables, other expert discussions
- Case studies
- Hackathon or other student-led short learning formats

Research-related activities are not eligible for funding.

Who can apply?

- *Main Applicant:* a lead applicant must be named in the project application. This person will be the lead responsible and e.g. sign the project Funding Agreement on behalf of the project team, and be the main contact person for the Initiative Fund administrative team.
- *Main applicant:* the lead applicant must be enrolled in a first- or second-cycle degree programme at an ENHANCE university at the time of application and remain so until 31 August 2027, to allow for final reporting and evaluation of the projects.
- *Conflict of interest:* no team members may be members of the Student Forum Selection Committee.
- *Team constellation:* projects may be submitted by an individual or a team. There is no minimum or maximum limit to the number of members in a project team. The motivation of the project team is part of the assessment criteria. Applicants are encouraged to consider cross-university teams, but this is not obligatory. Local relevance for the university student community must be outlined in the application but the enrolment requirement applies only to the main applicant. Maximum one project may be awarded to a main applicant (e.g. if a student is main applicant on multiple project applications, no more than one could be selected).
- Staff can join projects as speakers or trainers, but they will not be considered part of the core project team – this should be students only.

Application Assessment Criteria

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	SCORE & PASS THRESHOLD
Project Design	Your project description should convincingly outline how you will deliver the project activities and objectives within the timeframe of the project, and with the allocated budget. The design must be feasible with the resources at your disposal. Please outline how you will effectively make use of	25 Pass: 75%

	these resources and how you will mitigate any challenges you foresee.	
Relevance	Your project must be aligned with the stated Student Initiative Fund objectives and ENHANCE thematic priorities. How will your project help promote these topics within your university, and work towards the Fund objectives?	20 Pass: 75%
Project Team Motivation	Please outline how your team brings together the right expertise and experience to deliver the project. What do each of the team members bring to the project? Why are you motivated and committed to delivering this project?	20 Pass: 75%
Impact	What impact do you expect to reach with successful delivery of your project? Outline the changes you expect to see within your institution and within ENHANCE – with a focus on the added value for the local student community. Outline how you will disseminate the project and its results to reach your intended target group. Is there potential for more long-term impact or further development of the project results in future?	35 Pass: 75%

Project Selection Process

Application Submission

1. All applications must be submitted via the online application form by stated deadline
2. You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your online application

Initial Review

1. An initial review will be carried out of all received applications to ensure they are complete and basic eligibility are met.
2. If needed, applicants may be contacted to collect missing information or clarify details.

Selection

1. The ENHANCE Student Forum Selection Committee carry out first assessment of the eligible applications, each of which are scored based on the assessment criteria provided. Applications will be anonymised before the initial Selection Committee assessment.
2. Based on results of assessment, the Student Forum Selection Committee recommend projects for funding. Where project quality is assessed equally but sufficient funding is not available, preference is given towards ensuring a balance between ENHANCE universities.
3. The ENHANCE Operational Office and a relevant content lead from ENHANCE (topical expert from an ENHANCE university) carry out an eligibility check on all pre-selected projects.
4. The Student Forum Selection Committee make a final decision on the projects to be funded based on the eligibility check.
5. All applicants are notified of the result by Tuesday 15th December, including their full assessment scores.

Funding Agreement

1. If your project is selected, you will be invited to sign a funding agreement.

2. The signed funding agreements must be submitted to the ENHANCE team by the deadline communicated.¹
3. Once the funding agreements are finalised, project funding payments will be processed.
4. Funding is in the form of a scholarship payment, paid directly to the main applicant. Funding is issued at the beginning of the project delivery period.

Project Delivery

Project Kick-Off

- Once the project funding agreement is signed and payment received, projects can begin.
- Project teams are provided with a Communications Starter Toolkit with relevant ENHANCE branding materials to use during their project delivery.
- Projects must take place 1 February 2027 and 31 July 2027.

Project Monitoring

- All project teams must participate in a halfway check-in online meeting, during which all projects present their progress.
- Additional support is available as needed from both the Student Forum Selection Committee and other ENHANCE colleagues. More information will be shared with selected projects.

Final Reporting & Evaluation

- All project teams must submit an overview of their project costs upon completion.
- All project teams must share materials related to their project delivery, e.g. photos, participant lists for events, copies of other (digital) materials produced. More information will be shared with selected projects.
- All project teams must submit a final report, outlining their project outputs and future potential impact.
- All individual project team members will complete an evaluation form to help shape future editions of the Student Initiative Fund.
- Final reporting needs to be completed by 31 August 2027.
- Upon completion, participants will receive the ENHANCE Certificate of Participation as recognition of their activity.

¹ For projects where the main applicant is enrolled at an ENHANCE+ project beneficiary (Chalmers, Gdansk Tech, NTNU, PoliMi, RWTH Aachen, TU Berlin, TU Delft, UPV, WUT) the funding process will be conducted and managed by RWTH Aachen. For projects where the main applicant is enrolled at ENHANCE member ETH Zürich, the funding process will be conducted and managed by ETH Zürich.