University of Basel

Guidelines – Impuls meets Eucor-EPICUR

Through the *Impuls meets Eucor-EPICUR* funding program, the University of Basel supports lecturers from all disciplines who wish to integrate sustainability topics into their courses using practice-oriented formats. This also benefits students, who are thereby empowered to champion sustainable development effectivell in both their personal and professional lives. Impuls meets Eucor-EPICUR aims to strengthen the culture of sustainability at the university and to embed it in teaching. It is led by the Sustainability Office and implemented in close collaboration with the Eucor-EPICUR team at the University of Basel.

Sustainability topics can be integrated into an existing course, but designing a new course is also possible. It is likewise possible to fund existing courses that already integrate sustainability topics and student project work, provided that new elements from the evaluation criteria are integrated into the course.

The following framework conditions apply to the program:

1. Eligibility Requirements

- Lecturers from all disciplines at the University of Basel may apply for support for their course.
- International focus: At least one lecturer from a Eucor-EPICUR partner university must be involved, either by co-designing the delivery of the course or by giving a guest lecture or providing an equivalent contribution. In addition, the course must be open to at least two students from a Eucor-EPICUR partner university.
- Advanced Studies courses (CAS and MAS programs, etc.) and continuing education programs of the University of Basel are excluded from funding.

2. Funding

To create targeted incentives for implementing courses, costs of up to CHF 2,000 will be covered for delivering the course.

- This financial support may be used to pay for, among other things:
  - Students' project implementation (e.g., printing costs, materials, travel expenses)
  - Other costs (e.g., honoraria for experts, excursions, expenses, receptions, etc.)
- This financial support may NOT be used to pay for:
  - Among other things, technical equipment (e.g., cameras for video production) and fees for project partners (companies or similar)

The budget must be discussed in advance with the Impuls project lead.

3. Support

Suitable support measures for the funded course will be defined jointly with the Impuls project lead during a onboarding meeting. Possible support offerings under Impuls meets Eucor-EPICUR include:

- **Connecting you with experts and/or guest lecturers at a Eucor-EPICUR university:** Upon request, Marc Frick (marc.frick@unibas.ch) will support you to select and establish contact with an Eucor-EPICUR partner university.
- **Providing expertise on sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):**
  The Sustainability Office offers expertise on sustainable development and the SDGs, and can give a short introductory session on these topics within individual courses at the beginning of each semester. Further workshops are available if needed.

- **Building and promoting content-related and pedagogical competencies in Sustainable Development and transformative competencies:**
  - The Sustainability Office offers educational development courses (including Education for Sustainable Development, Service Learning, and Teaching Transformational Sustainability Science) that can be credited toward the elective area of the Certificate in Higher Education Practice.
  - During the semester, the Impuls project lead is also available to answer questions on teaching methods, supports lecturers in delivering the course, and offers individual coaching.

- **Support in implementing practice-oriented formats:** Facilitating links with and collaboration between practice partners from the internal and external networks of the Sustainability Office and the Eucor-EPICUR team:
  - **Implementation on the university campus:** University units and departments act as practice partners. Students contribute to sustainable solutions on the university campus. The Sustainability Office is also happy to set challenges related to the implementation of the university's climate strategy.
  - **Implementation with external stakeholders:** Students develop solutions for and with institutions, associations, and organizations with a sustainability focus.

  Note: Lecturers and students may also organize practice partners themselves, the selection should be discussed with the Impuls project lead in advance.

- **Visibility through communication**:
  - Through the Sustainability Office's communication channels, e.g., posts on the LinkedIn channel "Sustainability at University Basel" and a poster exhibition during Sustainability Week.
  - Learning processes and/or course outcomes (e.g., posters, podcasts, presentations) are expected to be made available to the Sustainability Office.

4. Application

The application form and current deadlines can be found on the Impuls website: www.unibas.ch/impuls. Up to four courses are funded per semester.

5. Evaluation Criteria

Provided the eligibility requirements are met, submitted courses will be evaluated by the Impuls project lead and the Eucor-EPICUR team based on the following criteria:

- Addressing concrete societal challenges with a substantive connection to sustainability (e.g., Sustainable Development Goals, the University's climate strategy)
- Teaching transformative competencies through practice-oriented formats such as solution-based learning, design thinking, service learning, or the realization of student sustainability projects.
- Courses that are accessible to the broadest possible range of disciplines and make strong use of the Eucor-EPICUR network will be given preference.

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