

1. General Conditions

Who is allowed to participate in BOOST?

- Bachelor's or Master's students, as well as PhD students enrolled at the University of Basel are eligible to apply. However, students from other universities, or individuals not currently enrolled into a university are also allowed to be part of a team, as long as the primary applicant is enrolled at the University of Basel.
- You are free to choose the size of the project team.
- People who take part in Advanced Studies programs or are enrolled at "SeniorenUni" (universities for seniors) are not counted as part of the scholar group. BOOST seeks to support young people in particular.

Project Features

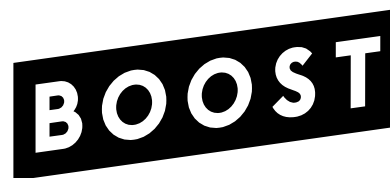
- Project ideas that strive to have a positive effect in the field of sustainable development are encouraged. These can have social, ecological or economical focuses.
- BOOST sponsorship is available for both short-term (e.g. one-time events) and projects designed for the long-term. Different funding amounts are provided (level 1 & level 2, see "levels of sponsorship").
- The project can also be conducted as a pilot project or sub-project within pre-existing activities (e.g. an existing initiative's project).
- Projects, whose main goal is to attain support for an existing profiting company (e.g. in the form of commissioned work), are not supported.
- The project may aim to generate profits (e.g. the launch of a start-up), as long as this is used or reinvested in accordance with the project objectives.

Financial Contributions and Support

- If the project cost estimate is higher than the financial contribution, the financing must be secured externally in order to guarantee the implementation of the project.
- The financial contributions are provided for a maximum of eight months. The objectives indicated in the application have to be achieved within this time frame.
- The financial contributions are not allowed to be disbursed as salaries, but must be invested directly into the project.
- There is no right to legal action.

Levels of Sponsorship

- A BOOST cycle is split into two levels of support, which differ in the scope of the financial contribution, coaching and application process. Level 1 is particularly suitable for smaller projects with low financial expenditure, but can also be used as a test phase for a submission in level 2 in order to implement larger, longer-term projects.
- A project team may apply for one or both of the sponsorship levels.



The BOOST Levels of Sponsorship

	Level 1	Level 2
Suitable for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small projects, which can be implemented with low financial expenditure. • Level 1 can also be used to test a project idea before it is submitted in level 2. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that can only be implemented with more substantial financial expenditure.
Financial Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • max. CHF 500 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • max. CHF 5,000
Terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The financial contributions are provided for a maximum of eight months. The objectives outlined in the application must be met within this time frame. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The financial contributions are provided for a maximum of eight months. The objectives outlined in the application must be met within this time frame.
Coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-day project management course for all team members • Voluntary participation in a competence course (including fundraising, team management, communication) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-day project management course for all team members • Coaching and support from the Department for Sustainability as well as from external experts as required. • Voluntary participation in a competence course (including fundraising, team management, communication)
Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please send your completed application form via email to boost@unibas.ch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please send your completed application form via email to boost@unibas.ch • Project pitch in front of the panel of BOOST judges on December 1, 2017 (15:00-18:00)
Application Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting in 2018, there will be several possible deadlines (exact dates to follow) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 20, 2017
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOOST evaluation criteria (see page 3) • Decision made by BOOST reviewer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOOST evaluation criteria (see page 3) • Presentation and persuasiveness of the team during the project pitch • Decision made by the BOOST judges
Tasks to be completed by project team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the project • Poster presenting the outcomes of the project, no later than eight months after the start of the project. • Short presentation about the project outcomes at a BOOST event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the project • Presentation about the project outcomes at a BOOST event • Final report and poster about the outcomes of the project, no later than eight months after the start of the project

2. Evaluation criteria

The submitted ideas are assessed based on the following criteria. Not every criterion must be fully met - the panel of judges and/or the BOOST coordination team (level 1) may weigh the criteria at their discretion. The evaluation criteria summarized:

Relevance for Sustainability and Impact - what impact does your project have on sustainable development?

Resource Planning - how realistic and efficient is your plan to allocate resources?

Innovation - how innovative and original is your idea?

Teamwork - who is needed for implementation?

Presentation (only sponsorship level 2) - how convincingly can you present your ideas?

Sustainability Relevance and Effect

- The project shows a clear connection with the theme of sustainability and offers a positive contribution to sustainable development.
- Welcomed, but not required, is the aim of making the University of Basel and/or the “Campus Community” more sustainable with the project. “Campus Community” is a term which widens the scope of the university to the private spheres of the university members as well as the organizations and institutions affiliated to the University (this includes for example student life).

Resource Planning

- The personnel, financial and material resources for the implementation of the project have been considered realistically.
- The means deployed are reasonable given the expected project outcomes.

Innovation

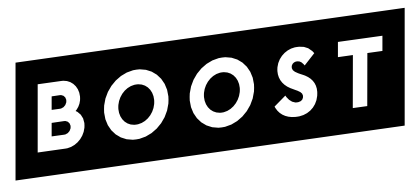
- The project displays innovative character and contains a personal contribution from the project team as far as the initial concept is concerned.
- This does not mean that pre-existing projects cannot be built on (e.g. similar projects at other universities), for example by adding new ideas to an existing project.

Teamwork

- Relevant parties and stakeholders that have to be involved in the implementation of the project have been identified.
- As far as possible, these parties have been approached or initial talks have already started.

Presentation and persuasiveness (only relevant for project pitch in sponsorship level 2)

- The team is motivated, has fun during the course of implementation and evidently presents the project understandably and convincingly.



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