

## **Funding guidelines** **LBS research award and project funding** **for sustainable housing and living**

The foundation "Stiftung Umwelt und Wohnen"  
is a partnership of LBS Landesbausparkasse Süd and the University of  
Konstanz.

### **society | environment | housing | living | sustainability**

In 1984, Herbert Beeck, chair of the managing board of LBS Badische Landesbausparkasse, along with Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Horst Sund, rector of the University of Konstanz, created the foundation with the goal of gaining scientific knowledge about the causal relationship between the environment and housing in the Baden region, e.g. through expert opinions, scientific studies and publications, and to make this knowledge available to the general public.

In order to promote research in the area of environmental protection at the University of Konstanz, the foundation "Stiftung Umwelt und Wohnen" has been providing funding in the form of the "LBS Environment Award" for excellent research since 1984. In addition to that option, applicants can also apply for funding for current or planned research projects.

In order to receive funding, projects have to show a link to the state of Baden-Württemberg. This condition can be met if the research is carried out by a University of Konstanz member.

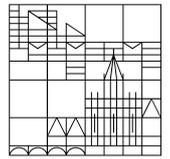
### **1. Relevant disciplines**

Researchers in any discipline at the University of Konstanz can submit their applications for projects in the areas of society, environment, housing, living and sustainability.

### **2. Eligibility**

Doctoral researchers, postdocs and persons with a doctorate or habilitation (postdoctoral qualification) who are not tenured professors are welcome to apply.

Funding is provided either through the research award for completed work (e.g. essay or work written to earn an academic qualification), or through funding for **future projects** (e.g. start-up funding for an application for external funding).



### **3. Selection criteria and priorities**

- Scientific excellence of the work or research project
- Connection to the purpose of the foundation "Stiftung Umwelt und Wohnen"
- Innovation potential of the research project
- Feasibility of the project

Priority will be given to research projects related to the United Nations' 17 sustainable development goals, e.g. goals 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 (clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, decent work and economic growth, industry, innovation and infrastructure, sustainable cities and communities).

The office of the foundation "Stiftung Umwelt und Wohnen" will coordinate the selection process. The foundation's managing board will select the winning applications, taking into account the freedom to carry out science and research as well as the freedom to learn and to teach guaranteed under Article 5 German Basic Law.

### **4. Award and project funding**

#### **Award: 10,000 euros**

Research award winners can use the funds however they choose.

#### **Project funding: 10,000 euros**

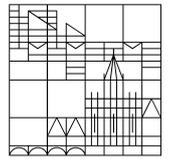
The funding is earmarked for the research project (e.g. project expenses or start-up funding), which can be either an individual or a group effort.

Funding can be splitted between multiple projects. It is possible to resubmit an application or to submit a new application in another call for applications. The award/funding will be presented at an award ceremony.

### **5. Application**

**Applications for the research award** have to include

- a cover letter,
- a curriculum vitae,
- a summary of the results (abstract of 1.650 - 2.475 characters with spaces) and
- the declaration of consent.
- For dissertations, please also include the reviewers' assessments. For other work, please document the publication or acceptance of your paper in at least one renowned journal.



**Applications for current or planned research projects** have to include

- a cover letter,
- a curriculum vitae,
- a description of the project of the measures, schedule and budget justification (1.650 - 2.475 characters with spaces), or preparations for an application for external funding and
- the declaration of consent.

Please include a summary in German for all texts submitted (German or English, 1.650 - 2.475 characters with spaces). The foundation's managing board will select the winning applications, where applicable, together with subject-specific experts.

If successful, you will be asked for a generally understandable text (400 - 800 characters with spaces) in Word format as well as two to three photos about you and your work.

The call for applications will be issued within the university via digital and analogue communication media by the staff units Communications and Marketing, Sustainability, and University Development, Research and Transfer as well as by the university departments and faculties. The university's professors as well as directors of the faculty administration are also invited to directly contact (potential) applicants.

## **6. Important dates**

The dates for when the call opens, as well as for the application deadline and the funding decision are published in the annual call for applications.

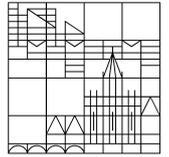
## **7. Payment**

Award winners provide their bank account information / project leaders the bank and project account of the university.

For project funding, recipients receive part of the funding at the beginning of the project and the rest after it is finished and the foundation has received the final report as well as an invoice documenting the use of the full funding amount. If funding was acquired from a renowned funding institution, then the full funding amount will be paid at the beginning.

## **8. Reporting requirements**

It is important to the foundation that the respective research results are made available to the general public in a suitable form. If the application is successful, award winners /project leaders commit to providing – without being prompted to do so – a short summary



of their work in everyday language (max. one page in DIN A4 format) so it can be published soon after funding is awarded. In case of project funding, recipients are also required to submit a report including documentation of how the funds were spent (measures, time and finances; max. three pages in DIN A4 format).

## 9. File format

Please submit all the required documents in a **single PDF file with a maximum size of 5 MB**. Please give the file a name in the following format "familyname\_givenname\_researchproject" and email it to the foundation's office ([stiftungen@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:stiftungen@uni-konstanz.de)).

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