TUM ENERGISE Centre

Participation Grant Announcement

International Summer School 2026

"Empowering Tomorrow: Sustainable Energies and Entrepreneurship"

Call for Applications

ENERGISE Centre (ENabling a Just Energy Transition through Renewable Energy, Governance, and Innovative Sustainable Entrepreneurship) is one of the Centres of African Excellence, funded by DAAD from funds of the German Federal Foreign Office (Funding Line A) and the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space of Germany (Funding Line B) from 2026 to 2030.

The ENERGISE Centre advances a just energy transition (JET) by integrating research and higher education across renewable energy, policy, and sustainable entrepreneurship. It combines technical innovation with governance frameworks and entrepreneurial solutions to address energy transition challenges in South Africa.

The ENERGISE Centre consists of Technical University of Munich (TUM) and four leading universities in South Africa: University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), University of Johannesburg (UJ), Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), and University of Venda (UNIVEN).

The TUM ENERGISE Centre participation grant for the International Summer School 2026 is provided within the framework of Funding Line A of the German Federal Foreign Office and administered by DAAD.

Who can apply?

This participation grant is open to currently enrolled master's students at ENERGISE Centre partner universities in South Africa.

Applicants should demonstrate an excellent academic record, a clear commitment to sustainability and the Just Energy Transition, and strong motivation for meaningful engagement with real-world energy transition challenges in South Africa. to apply for a two-week international summer school in Sustainable Energies and Entrepreneurship at TUM.

A particular interest in interdisciplinary work at the intersection of engineering, policy, and entrepreneurship in the context of a just energy transition is expected. Women and individuals with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

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What is funded?

The participation grant supports attendance at the International Summer School at TUM and covers:

- Mobility-related costs up to €2,000 (in line with DAAD regulations)
- Accommodation and subsistence allowance up to €45/day

Please note:

- *Accommodation and mobility arrangements are organized, booked and covered directly by the TUM ENERGISE Centre, in line with the principles of economic efficiency and frugality.*
- *Responsibility for visa applications lies with the candidates. While the TUM ENERGISE Centre can offer recommendations, all formalities and arrangements must be handled by the applicants themselves.*
- *If a candidate is unable to travel to Germany (e.g., due to visa issues or personal reasons), the participation grant will be forfeited.*
- *If a candidate's flight ticket needs to be changed, is missed, or requires cancellation, the student is responsible for covering any additional costs. The TUM ENERGISE Centre does not cover such expenses, and it is the student's responsibility to manage any necessary modifications.*

Duration of Funding

The scholarship covers the period **from 13 July 2026 to 24 July 2026**.

Application requirements

- Currently enrolled as a master's student in a field related to energy transition, entrepreneurship, policy or interdisciplinary studies at ENERGISE Centres' partner universities.
- Excellent academic track record.
- Extracurricular skills, social engagement, and strong motivation.

Application Process

Interested students must submit their applications via the online form at by **24 May 2026, 23:59 CET** (late applications will not be considered).

Required Application Documents

- CV
- Motivation Letter
- Current transcript of records
- University admission/certificate of enrollment
- Copy of your passport
- Other relevant certificates

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