

2024 TH Wildau Sustainable Mobility Summer Academy

Student Nomination Guidelines

International students who wish to participate in the Academy must be nominated by their home institution. The following Student Nomination Guidelines apply to **all** potential student participants, not just those who wish to request financial support.

Required Paperwork to Submit a Nomination

- **Cover page** with the name of the nominated student, the name of the institution, and the name and title of the nominating faculty member.
 - It should indicate whether the student is seeking financial support from the Academy
 - It should be signed and dated by both the faculty member and the student
- **Letter of Motivation** (max. ½ page, single-spaced)
 - The letter should describe the candidate's motivation for wanting to attend the Summer Academy, and, if relevant, how the candidate believes their experience at the Academy will benefit them.
- **Current CV**

To nominate a student, please submit (or have the student submit) the required paperwork in the form of a **single PDF** (with relevant filename) to us via email (smacademy@th-wildau.de) by no later than Friday, **May 31th**.

The Summer Academy especially welcomes student participants who are 'underrepresented' in the field - women, students of colour, students with migration backgrounds, first-generation academics, students with disabilities, students who must work to finance their education, or students with care responsibilities.

We strongly recommend our international partners consider whether the nominated student can attend *the entire Summer Academy*. We believe a successful Academy will involve as many students as possible who can participate fully in-person for the duration of the Academy.

Support Funding and Selection Criteria

The Summer Academy can offer up to **20 international student participants** financial support to attend the Academy. It will cover travel costs and accommodation for the duration of the

Academy (12 nights of accommodation in total). *Students who receive financial support are therefore required to attend and participate in the Academy for its entire duration.* Financial support will only be provided once the participant arrives on-site. The Summer Academy has an open and transparent process of selection to determine who may receive funding. The selection for the support funding is made on the basis of written application documents and interviews (if required) in front of the Funding Commission.

Selection criteria for recipients to receive financial support include:

- Mandatory attendance for the full duration of the Academy
- Gender or country of origin, and personal situation, including whether they:
 - belong to a group that has traditionally been 'underrepresented' in the field, or
 - originally come from a developing country or one at war or undergoing civil unrest
- Relevant previous academic experience; if applicable, degrees and professional activities in the home country or in Germany
- Good to very good academic performance
- Good to very good language skills (especially English – B2-level strongly recommended – German as a plus)
- Convincing letter of motivation (max. ½ page)
- Proof of voluntary/social commitment
- Willingness to further engage in the topic of sustainable mobility or sustainability in general
- Applicants with disabilities and/or first-time graduates will be given preference in the case of equal suitability

We do not expect student candidates to meet ALL criteria. These are just the characteristics we look for, and are most likely to consider, when reviewing application.