



# Call for Applications

## Research Stay at the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank in Autumn 2022

**RESEARCH THEME:** The Role of Digitalisation for Sustainable Development and its Impact on European Business, Economics and Societies

**DATE:** 26 September to 2 October 2022

**LOCATION:** University of Mannheim

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** 30 April 2022

Are you looking for a platform where you can focus on your research and push your project forward together with fellow researchers? At the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank, you can exchange your ideas with new research groups, get together with long-time colleagues, and learn from leading experts from industry, politics, and academia. This forum allows you to completely focus on a research project – away from everyday business.

ENGAGE.EU is an alliance of leading European universities in business, economics, and the social sciences that aims to provide European citizens with the skill set they need to face the challenges of the future. The ENGAGE.EU Think Tank is the Advanced Study Centre of our European University. It is a forum for intensive interdisciplinary academic exchange where researchers address the critical societal challenges of our time, where boundaries of

research and innovation are challenged, where outstanding collaborations become possible, and where original thinking is the norm.

The research theme in autumn 2022 is

**THE ROLE OF DIGITALISATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON EUROPEAN BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND SOCIETIES.**

Preferably, your proposal has the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in mind. For instance, a research project might explore how digitalisation can transform working and living conditions, how digital transformation can support sustainable economic growth, or how digitalisation can help reduce inequality in society.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATING RESEARCHERS

At the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank, we seek to attract researchers from various levels of experience and disciplines specializing in the proposed research theme.

As a visiting **senior researcher** (more than five years after doctorate) your stay will allow you to concentrate on a research idea while sharing your expertise with a team of researchers exploring similar topics. You will gain deeper insights to current developments regarding digital transformation in politics, industry and society and benefit from research collaborations you may have never thought of before.

As a visiting **junior researcher** (up to five years after doctorate) your stay will allow you to concentrate on a research idea while cooperating with colleagues in an international and interdisciplinary team, supported by leading senior researchers. You will not only benefit from additional expert input regarding your project, but also expand your list of top publications and your professional network.

If you are interested in joining this thrilling research adventure, we invite you to come to Mannheim from 26 September to 2 October 2022. You are required to stay in Mannheim for this core period, but are free to extend the visit as it fits your project.

During your stay, we provide you with a workspace at the university, access to all research facilities, accommodation, travel expenses from your home institution to and from Mannheim, as well as an extensive academic and cultural programme during the core week. Not only will you learn from leading experts from politics, academia, industry and society in talks, round tables, and workshops.

You will also present your work in progress to your fellow researchers and discuss questions regarding your projects. Details of the programme will be finalized once the group composition and the research projects are final to ensure the programme corresponds to your needs and expectations.

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## Application requirements

### YOUR PROFILE

The ENGAGE.EU research stays are cut out for excellent junior and senior researchers from universities of the ENGAGE.EU alliance, particularly from schools of business, economics, social sciences, law and other related disciplines who

- explore digital transformation as a major societal change driver in Europe,
- are aiming to foster their expertise in their field of research,
- are interested in an interdisciplinary dialogue,
- want to engage in a pioneer project of a pan-European network.

### OUR EXPECTATIONS

Researchers are expected to

- participate in a virtual preparation meeting with fellow participants in summer 2022,
  - actively participate in ENGAGE.EU Think Tank activities, such as regular research colloquia, lunch meetings and other group events,
  - present their research to the ENGAGE.EU audience on a regular basis,
  - be willing to exchange ideas and interact with relevant stakeholders about the project,
  - be open for collaboration on research publications,
  - stay in Mannheim for the duration of the research visit,
  - participate and present their work in two virtual group meetings in November and December 2022.
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# Application requirements

## APPLICATION

Applications for a stay at the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank are open for individual researchers as well as research groups (max. 2-3 people), and are to include

- an outline of the intended research project related to the topic noted above (max. 4-5 pages),
- a CV, including a list of publications (of each group member for group applications),
- information regarding the desired duration of the research stay (core week only or extended period).

ENGAGE.EU seeks to strengthen the role of women and underrepresented groups in research, and thus strongly encourages female scholars and scholars of underrepresented groups to apply.

Please submit your complete application electronically (in one PDF file) by 30 April 2022 to the point of contact at your university (see contact details below). Applications received after this date may not be considered. Invitations to participate will be sent out no later than 31 May 2022.

## SELECTION

Applications are evaluated by each ENGAGE.EU partner according to the application requirements. Following the preselection of the ENGAGE.EU partners, the Think Tank's selection committee, composed of academics specializing in multiple disciplines, considers the best-rated applications for research stays.

Applications are evaluated according to various criteria:

- innovation
- contribution to ENGAGE.EU's mission
- coherence
- likelihood of leading to successful publications.

Final decisions also consider a range of criteria for cohort composition, including but not limited to disciplinary balance, institutional diversity, and demographic diversity.

Please note that invitations for a research stay are not transferable to later years.

## FUTURE RESEARCH STAYS

This very first call for applications is deliberately designed to be very open to give the ENGAGE.EU alliance and participating researchers the opportunity to contribute ideas and help design the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank as an outstanding platform of European research collaborations. Future research stays will take place at various ENGAGE.EU locations and explore different research topics.

Participating researchers have the possibility to be part of the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank network in the long-term, which may include participation as a guest speaker at future events or sharing their expertise with future ENGAGE.EU Think Tank research groups.

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Further information on the ENGAGE.EU Think Tank, as well as current open calls is available on our [website](#).

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WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business) and the WU ENGAGE.EU Project Office are committed to protecting your personal data. Your personal data are kept confidential and processed in accordance with the provisions of the applicable data protection laws. In fulfillment of our obligation to provide information pursuant to Articles 13 and 14 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we would like to inform you about the types of personal data that are processed in connection with the activities of the WU ENGAGE.EU Project Office and about the purposes for which these data are processed.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Controller:

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If you have any general questions or requests regarding data protection at WU, you can write to [datenschutz@wu.ac.at](mailto:datenschutz@wu.ac.at).

## WHICH TYPES OF PERSONAL DATA ARE PROCESSED?

We process the personal data that are relevant for assessing research project applications, e.g. project head, title/academic degree, name, address, institute, CV data, project budgets, data on project partners, travel plans, funding program, funding body, project title, project application data.

## FOR WHICH PURPOSES DO WE PROCESS YOUR DATA?

We process your personal data for assessing, deciding on, and processing of research project applications, as well as for carrying out anonymized statistical analyses. In addition, we also process your data for purposes prescribed by law, in particular to fulfill our statutory data retention obligations.

## WHAT IS THE LEGAL BASIS FOR PROCESSING YOUR DATA?

- Art. 6 (1) item a of the GDPR – consent

You can withdraw your consent to any future data processing at any time by sending a written notice to the WU ENGAGE.EU Project Office ([rectors.office@wu.ac.at](mailto:rectors.office@wu.ac.at)). However, any processing of your data which occurred before consent was withdrawn remains legal and unaffected. If you withdraw your consent, all data processing activities that are not permissible without consent will be stopped immediately once we receive your notice of withdrawal of consent, and the data on which these activities were based will be deleted. Withdrawal of consent by the applicant and the resulting deletion of the applicant's personal data will lead to the termination of any decision-making procedures that may have been initiated for assessing the application.

- Art. 6 (1) item b of the GDPR – performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or taking steps prior to entering into a contract
- Art. 6 (1) item c of the GDPR – compliance with a legal obligation to which WU is subject

## DOES THE PROCESSING INVOLVE ANY AUTOMATED DECISION-MAKING (INCLUDING PROFILING)?

The processing of the personal data does not involve any automated decision-making.

## ARE YOU OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE YOUR PERSONAL DATA?

For us to be able to assess research project applications, it is necessary that you provide the data we need to assess the application and to fulfill our contractual and statutory obligations. The required fields for data that has to be provided are marked with an asterisk (\*) in the application forms.

## TO WHICH OTHER PARTIES DO WE PASS ON YOUR DATA?

For the assessment of individual projects, the project applications and the attached additional documents may be sent to external experts or funding bodies and their affiliated entities. These recipients are obligated to take appropriate technical and organizational measures for ensuring data security and the confidentiality of the personal data.

## HOW LONG DO WE STORE YOUR DATA?

After complete fulfillment of the contract, we store your personal data until the expiry of all applicable warranty periods, statutes of limitations, and retention periods (pursuant to the Commercial Code [Unternehmensgesetzbuch, UGB], Federal Fiscal Code [Bundesabgabenordnung, BAO], and the General Civil Code [Allgemeines bürgerliches Gesetzbuch, ABGB]).

## WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AS A DATA SUBJECT?

As a data subject affected by these data processing activities, you have the following statutory rights vis-a-vis WU as the controller, pursuant to the GDPR:

- Right to information and access to the data
- Right to correction of data
- Right to deletion of the data
- Right to restrict the data processing
- Right to data portability
- Right to object to the data processing

As a data subject, you also have the right to file a complaint with the Austrian Data Protection Authority. Further information on your rights as a data subject is available on the website of the Austrian Data Protection Authority at

<https://www.data-protection-authority.gv.at/rights-of-the-data-subject>.

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