

Exploratory Teaching Space

14th Call for proposals:

ETS Teaching and Learning Innovation Grants

Deadline: Tuesday August 15, 2023

ETS invites applications for the "**ETS Grants for Teaching and Learning Innovations**" again this year. The aim is to support project ideas that make a positive contribution to RWTH's strategic priorities in the field of learning and teaching through innovative concepts. A focus is on the two core areas of **didactic innovations** such as e-learning / blended learning and **independent student learning**.

As a special feature, 50% of the budget in this call is reserved for projects dealing with the use of text generators.

General conditions

The projects should aim at supporting students in their autonomous learning process and they should address a large group of students. We explicitly welcome innovative and creative ideas even if they contain elements of risk (e.g. that there is not yet much experience with the approach in the respective discipline or at RWTH Aachen University). Also welcome are applications that have already been successfully implemented at other universities or at RWTH but that are still new for a specific discipline. Projects that are already under a national or international funding program are not eligible.

This call is open to all staff at RWTH (RWTH professors, research assistants or research groups) interested in further developing teaching and learning concepts.

The application process

The proposal can be written in English or German **and must contain:**

- 1) **A description of the goals and the impact of the project:** what new possibilities are there for the teacher and the students? Which gap in the existing teaching offers is being addressed by the project?
- 2) **Mention of previous experiences**, e.g. survey of weak points and possibilities for improvement or applicability of existing teaching concepts
- 3) A description of **how the concept improves autonomous student learning**.
- 4) **Work schedule and financial plan** (please refer to the *Entgelttabelle* TV-L for personnel costs)
- 5) **Expected outcomes**
- 6) A description of whether the teaching concept is **sustainable and transferable** to other subject areas
- 7) Proof of coordination with service institutions of the RWTH, if they are to be involved in the project

Proposals have to be submitted online via the ERS database. The proposal's **maximum length is 5 pages**. Another PDF file may be uploaded as an attachment. This may contain a **maximum of one page** with tables, pictures, etc., followed by any LOI or funding commitments.

The CLS has produced a video with assistance, which you can watch under this link if you are interested: https://youtu.be/qw6BV_VHW68.

Please note: Applications that do not comply with the formal requirements cannot be considered.

Evaluation criteria

The evaluation by the ETS review panel is based on the following points:

- Didactical innovation of the teaching/learning concept for RWTH (or your specific faculty/discipline). If applicable: Convincing presentation of experiences with this teaching concept at other locations.
- Promotion of autonomous learning: The concept should support the independent learning of students and ideally address a broad target group.
- Transferability of the teaching concept to other subject areas.
- Coherent concept of teaching and testing according to [Constructive Alignment](#).
- Financial independency: The concept should be designed in such a way that it is self-sustaining after start-up financing.
- Integration of the RWTH service facilities in the area of teaching. (Coordination with the relevant service entity prior to submission.)

We recommend to consider the [Teaching and Learning Mission Statement](#).

Funding

The total budget for all ETS grants is 200.000 €. For each project, a maximum of 30.000 € can be applied for. Eligible costs are: Personnel and material costs, whereby 2/3 of the funds can be used for full-time teaching staff or teaching support staff (scientific staff and non-scientific employees) and max. 1/3 for material costs, as well as student and scientific assistants. Basic equipment and travel expenses cannot be covered. No funding is provided for activities offered for free by internal service institutions, as e.g. the IT-Center or the Center for Teaching and Learning Services (CLS).

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Project start: from November 2023

Project duration: 6-12 months

At the end of the project duration, a fact sheet must be filled out as a final report. This will be made available online via the ETS website. An ETS Grant certificate is issued thereafter.

A list of already funded ETS projects can be found here: [ETS project data base](#)

Please note that we make the applications of approved projects available to the CLS. The CLS then contacts the project managers before the project begins in order to conduct an accompanying evaluation. At the end of the project, proof of the use of the funds is requested.

Please submit project applications via the ERS database:

<http://portal.ers.rwth-aachen.de> - Call „ETS Grants 2023“

Fill out all mandatory fields and upload the application and, if necessary, **one further** attachment as pdf files. You will then receive a confirmation of receipt by email.

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