

## Call for applications

### “Würzburger Förderpreis Forschung und Transfer” (Würzburg Research and Transfer Award)

#### Purpose

The prize of € 100,000 supports outstanding interdisciplinary research projects at Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (JMU) that **not only demonstrate scientific innovation but also have significant societal application potential**. It is awarded by the university association Universitätsbund Würzburg e. V. and funded jointly by the foundations Wittenstein Stiftung and Vogel Stiftung Dr. Eckernkamp.

The prize is awarded annually for **transfer or transformation experiments, concepts, models, programmes, or inventions** that stem from excellent research at JMU and develop innovative solutions for the benefit and well-being of society and future generations (incl. technological, social, medical, cultural, economic, and political advancements).

It aims to provide a **substantial boost or leverage effect** for outstanding transfer projects at an early stage and/or enhance their visibility in the competition for long-term and large-scale funding. The prize is primarily intended for **interdisciplinary teams** consisting of several researchers, although individual applicants are also welcome.

#### Application

Applications must include a **written statement** (maximum of five pages), addressing the following five selection criteria:

- › Goals, outstanding elements, and innovative aspirations of the project
- › Link of the project idea to previous successful research work at JMU
- › Intended societal impact upon continuation/implementation of the project in practice
- › Status of already completed preliminary work
- › Expected contribution of the prize to facilitating the project’s transition to the next development phase (presentation of the next project steps and planned use of the prize money)

Additionally, a recommendation letter from a self-selected expert in the field may be included, recognizing the project’s link to excellent research at JMU and its innovative character. Any third-party funding already secured for the nominated project must be listed in a separate document.

**Applications can be submitted by 15th August 2025** to the Research Advancement Centre ([rac-office@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:rac-office@uni-wuerzburg.de)). The funding decision is made by Universitätsbund in coordination with Wittenstein Stiftung and Vogel Stiftung Dr. Eckernkamp.

#### Award Ceremony

The award ceremony will take place on 13th November 2025 as part of the annual gala concert of Universitätsbund in the Neubaukirche.