



Public Policy Impact Program for student groups at the TUM Think Tank

What is the purpose?

The Public Policy Impact Program (short, PPIP) at the TUM Think Tank offers particularly committed and qualified students the opportunity to set up and carry out projects that aim to strengthen networking with actors from society, business and politics, and/or to (pro-)actively advise and shape politics and society.

With the PPIP, the Munich School of Politics and Public Policy (HfP) aims to strengthen its mission in the field of public engagement and as well as to achieve a closer integration of research, teaching and science communication. The initiative is (partially) funded by student grants to improve teaching.

Who is eligible for funding?

Student groups, of which a majority of members are students at the HfP, can apply for funding. Existing initiatives can apply as can groups that would like to use the program to incubate an initiative. The latter must credibly demonstrate that sufficient commitment can be built up or maintained in the medium term. Therefore, an [accreditation](#) as a university group by the FSR of TUM is required at the latest for the extension of a funding.

In addition, groups that want to implement a project-related idea within the framework of the funding and are not necessarily aiming for long-term consolidation as a university group can also apply. In this case, an extension of the funding is not possible.

In principle, there are no restrictions with regard to possible topics on which the initiatives can focus. However, a connection to the main foci related to research and teaching at the HfP should be clearly visible.

How is funding provided?

Funding is granted for 6 months; an extension is possible upon positive evaluation (in relation to the objectives jointly defined at the beginning of the funding) depending on the available funding. Three to five initiatives are funded per semester.

The funding includes:

- institutional support, e.g., through free use of the co-working and event spaces at the TUM Think Tank;
- ideational support, e.g., through support in networking, through (peer-to-peer) mentoring or assistance in fundraising;
- financial support of up to € 3,000, which can be used for activities of the initiative such as events, workshops, (online) publications, etc.

How to apply?

Applications are invited twice a year; the submission deadline for the **first round of the PPIP is October 15, 2022**.



The following must be submitted as an application:

- A project outline (max. two pages or a pitch deck of max. 8 slides). The project outline should illustrate the problem / topic to be addressed and the concrete actions and activities planned to tackle it. Where possible, the project outline should describe which (previous) experiences and achievements can be built upon. In addition, the project outline must include a rough financial plan showing how the funds are planned to be used.
- A brief curriculum vitae (max. 1 page) per team member should also be attached to the application.

How does the selection process work?

The selection process is two-staged. Based on the written application, particularly promising initiatives will be invited to pitch their projects to a jury consisting of representatives of the TUM Think Tank, HfP researchers, and HfP student representatives.

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