

Lower Saxony – Scotland Joint Forum
21 + 22 November 2022

Open Call for Workshops

The third edition of the **Lower Saxony – Scotland Joint Forum** wishes to engage even more **academics, staff and students** in building partnerships between **higher education institutions across Scotland and Lower Saxony**, than its predecessors. We want to learn everything about your ideas and visions!

Designed as a networking event, we invite you **to organise a workshop** during the second day of the Joint Forum on any topic you deem relevant. It should be a representation of the wish to work more closely together across borders and thereby contribute to the linking of both of our regions. Workshops may be hosted to present existing projects, develop new ideas or share experiences. **Use the Joint Forum as your platform for academic exchange!**

The Joint Forum will be hosted in a hybrid format. **Workshops will take place online.** We hope that this will allow everyone in Lower Saxony and Scotland who is interested to participate in the Joint Forum and benefit from this brilliant opportunity to extend networks and intensify exchange.



We look forward to
receiving your workshop
proposal until
15 September 2022!

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Workshop Proposals

1. Invited Persons

Everyone working or studying at a higher education institution in Lower Saxony or Scotland is invited to host a workshop, in particular this includes:

- **Students** (undergraduate, graduate and PhD)
- **Academics and researchers** (at any stage of their career)
- **Staff** (e.g. administrative staff, staff working in support units etc.)

2. Workshops

Each workshop should present a **unified topic** and not last longer than **120 minutes**, incorporating enough time for an **open discussion**. The intended outcome(s) shall be to find (new) partners for current research or cooperation projects, present existing partnerships and/or further expand these partnerships to other higher education institutions and/or disciplines. New objectives may be identified and ideas for funding applications formed.

Workshops will take place on the second day of the Joint Forum: **Tuesday, 22 November 2022**. Make sure to be available all day, since we might not be able to accommodate specific timeslots depending on the number of workshops.

As workshop organizer please provide us with a **detailed description of the workshop** as well as a **programme** ahead of the Joint Forum. We would like to promote your workshop through our different channels and in particular our website www.joint-forum.org.

After the Joint Forum, we will ask you to provide us with an **outcome report**, including information on intended actions to take your project idea to the next level. ECAS will be happy to support you with any follow-up activities. Your workshop can achieve valuable and sustainable results that may boost your academic career and constitute the starting point for promising research.

Respective templates are available for download on our website www.joint-forum.org.

3. Topics

Workshops may be hosted on any topic.

In the **field of research**, we are looking for **subject-related topics**, ranging from *artificial intelligence, biology and chemistry, business and entrepreneurship to climate change and sustainability, engineering, law and humanities, medicine as well as social and political sciences* and **any other topic you deem relevant!** We also encourage the presentation of blue-sky research as well as projects including industrial partners.

We would like to see our **students** (undergraduate, graduate and PhD) organise a workshop together with their fellow colleagues in the other region.

We also want to hear about other **projects facilitating the cooperation between, and knowledge transfer among, higher education institutions**, such as:

- (joint) study programmes (existing and ideas for new ones),
- student, PhD and staff exchanges on all levels (academic, administrative and institutional),
- knowledge transfer projects,
- e-learning projects,
- and collaborations and alliances among universities, faculties and schools as well as support units.

Finally, a key goal of the Joint Forum is to nurture ongoing collaboration(s) between higher education institutions in Lower Saxony and Scotland via the creation of an **online academic network**. We encourage **workshop proposals which explore creative possibilities of building a lasting network between Lower Saxonian and Scottish universities through the use of digital technology and online platforms**.

4. Lower Saxony – Scotland Component

From your workshop proposal it should become clear that you wish to pursue a joint project between a Lower Saxonian and Scottish higher education institution. Thus, you should organise the workshop together with a counterpart from the other region. If you have a great project idea but not yet partners in Lower Saxony and/or Scotland, your proposal should include a list of persons you wish to invite to or involve in your workshop. ECAS will be happy to support you in establishing contact. You may find our “Academic Matching” tool helpful in identifying interesting contacts: <https://ecas-academia.org/academic-matching/>.

5. Proposal

Workshop organisers are asked to submit a short proposal of 2-3 pages **by 15 September 2022**. The proposal should outline all key elements of the workshop, including:

- Title
- Introduction of the workshop organisers
- Presentation/overview of the topic/focus
- Relation to the overall objective of the Joint Forum
- Own objective of the workshop/panel
- List of invited workshop participants (speakers, panellists etc.)
- If applicable, list of persons you wish to be put in touch with by ECAS
- Target audience

You may download a respective template for the workshop proposal on our website: www.joint-forum.org.

You may register for the Joint Forum here: <https://www.conftool.net/joint-forum-2022/>
In order to submit your proposal, you need to register for the Joint Forum first. Once completed, you will find a link to upload your proposal.

6. Evaluation

Workshop proposals will be primarily evaluated on their relevance to the overall goal of enhancing cooperation and promoting collaboration between Scottish and Lower Saxonian higher education institutions, their potential to stimulate interesting discussions, and facilitate the exchange of (new) ideas.

7. Contact

For questions or further information please contact:

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