

TRA Sustainable Futures: Open Call (running application deadline)

The Transdisciplinary Research Area „Sustainable Futures“ (TRA 6) promotes cross-faculty sustainability research under the following five thematic priorities: (1) Modeling, Foresight, and Risk Assessment Capacity, (2) Technology & Digital World Innovations, (3) Institutional Innovation, Behavior and System Transformations, (4) Nutrition and Health, (5) Development and Change.

The main goals of TRA 6 are to establish an internationally visible, interdisciplinary and cross-faculty research portfolio with a focus on the before mentioned thematic areas, to identify and recruit excellent scientists, to support/initiate collaborative research projects as well as to open up new, future-oriented fields of research with potential for sustainable transformation and transition processes.

In this sense, we invite applications for seed funding for innovative, transdisciplinary research projects or other measures with a clear relation to the goals and themes of the TRA.

Funding can be requested for example for:

- Workshop/events
- Staff
- Guest researcher visit
- Stipend
- Travel

Requirements:

- Members of the TRA “Sustainable Futures” are eligible to apply
- PIs from at least two faculties or one faculty and a strategic non-university partner
- For further details see TRA 6’s guide on finance and internal allocation of funds

Proposal format (funds application form available on webpage and eCampus):

- A. Support fund application form
- B. Proposal concept (not more than 3 pages)
- C. Budget plan (how will the money be spent and during which calendar year(s) is funding required)

Selection process

The proposal will be evaluated by internal and/or external referees. The TRA steering committee will make the final selection based on these reviews.

Selection criteria will be:

- Quality of the proposed project
- Innovativeness
- Inter-/transdisciplinary character
- Expected output: Chances of success/Probability
- Contribution to goals of TRA 6 as well as the EXU

A final report will have to be submitted at the latest three months after the end of the project to the TRA manager.

Application (in one PDF file) can be submitted at any time to tra6@uni-bonn.de.

For questions, please contact the TRA manager Hanna Zimmermann (tra6@uni-bonn.de).