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1. BUW Teaching Innovations 2026
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Based on its teaching mission statement, the University of Wuppertal strives to continuously improve the quality of its degree programmes and promote innovation in teaching. The competitive procedure for the central funding line ‘BUW-Lehrinnovationen’ (‘BUW Teaching Innovations’ (funding period 15 March 2027 to 14 March 2029) will start in a few weeks.

For more information on BUW Teaching Innovations, please visit: <https://www.uni-wuppertal.de/de/studium-lehre/lehre/lehr-innovationsfonds-der-buw/> (in German available only)

All professors at the University of Wuppertal and all other full-time employees involved in teaching, including those in roles supporting teaching (QSL, QSP, Bundle), are eligible to apply. Student projects related to teaching and projects by lecturers are explicitly welcome, provided that the application is submitted in cooperation with an eligible applicant. Cooperation between eligible persons at the University of Wuppertal is possible and highly welcome.

Department 6.3 provides support for reflecting ideas for proposals. The full text of the call for proposals, including supporting questions, can be found on the website of Department 6: <https://dez6.uni-wuppertal.de/de/formulare/> (in German available only)

Please submit expressions of interest between 13 and 24 April 2026 via LimeSurvey: <https://umfrage.uni-wuppertal.de/index.php/978288?newtest=Y&lang=de> (in German available only)

<https://leitbildlehre.uni-wuppertal.de/de/> (in German available only)

<https://hep.uni-wuppertal.de/de/hochschulentwicklungsplan/studium-und-lehre/> (in German available only)

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2. Freiraum 2026

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The Stiftung Innovation in der Hochschullehre will suspend the funding Freiraum in 2026. The next call for proposals will be expected in January 2027.

<https://stiftung-hochschullehre.de/foerderung/freiraum/> (in German available only)

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3. University teaching

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As part of the certificate programme ‘Professionelle Lehrkompetenz für die Hochschule’ (‘Professional Teaching Competence for Higher Education’), the Centre for Academic Staff Development (SaPe) is offering the following events during the upcoming weeks:

30 March 2026 ‘Lehrportfolio als Reflexionsraum II’ (‘Teaching portfolio as a forum for reflection II’) (Bianca Sievert; 8 AE)

28 April 2026 ‘Von der Zielsetzung zur Aufgabenstellung – digital gestützte Prüfungsformate realisieren’ (‘From setting goals to defining tasks – implementing digitally supported examination formats’) (Janine Schledjewski; 8 AE)

For further information, please visit: <https://sape.uni-wuppertal.de/en/>

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4. Lecture series “Transformationsregionen in NRW – aus Erfahrung lernen” (‘Transforming regions in North Rhine-Westphalia’)

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In the summer semester 2026, the sustainability initiative of the North Rhine-Westphalian Universities Humboldtⁿ, will be offering a lecture series for master students and bachelor students in higher semesters, predominantly in a digital format. Participants will gain both theoretical and practical knowledge, enabling them to analyse the various fields of action involved in transformation processes. Speakers from universities and universities of applied sciences in North-Rhine Westphalia will be available to answer questions and participate in discussions.

Students can acquire up to 3 ECTS. The examination board responsible for your degree programme will decide on recognition.

<https://humboldt-n.nrw/weitere-programme/ringvorlesung-bose-2026> (in German available only)

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