



UNIVERSITÄT GRAZ



Research Culture and Integrity Ambassador Grant 2025



„Research Culture“: Hintergrund



- Science Europe Vision ---->



Sapcariu, S., et al. (2025). A Vision & Framework for Research Cultures: Improving the Condition for Researchers, Research Ideas, and the Research Endeavour.

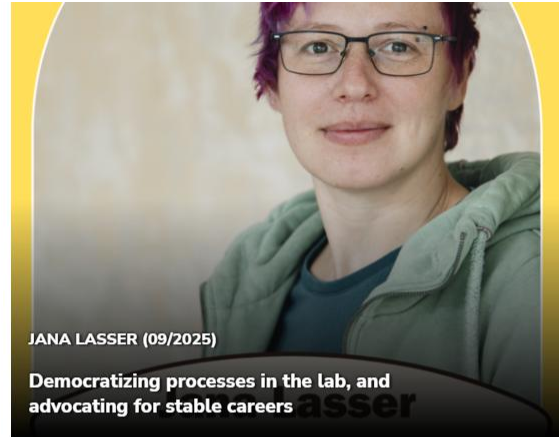
- Begriff stammt aus Großbritannien: 2018, Royal Society:

“Research culture encompasses the behaviours, values, expectations, attitudes and norms of our research communities. It influences researchers’ career paths and determines the way that research is conducted and communicated.” (Research Culture | Royal Society)

Schaufenster für Kollegialität



Bisher 16 Portraits hier zu
finden: Schaufenster für
Kollegialität



RCC Ambassador Grant



- Der Research Careers Campus sucht Botschafter:innen einer positiven, auf Kollegialität und wechselseitiger Wertschätzung basierenden Forschungsumgebung
- ... fördert dafür jährlich drei Projekte mit bis zu €5000, die zur Etablierung positiver Praktiken beitragen, offen für alle Universitätsangehörigen, die für die Forschung an der Uni Graz brennen
- Ziel ist, nicht (nur) zentral Initiativen zu entwickeln, sondern auf die Kreativität der Fakultäten, Institute, Studierenden, und aller Kolleg:innen zu setzen, die ihre Bedarfe am Besten kennen
- Vorbild z.B.: Catalyst Fund innerhalb einer Wellcome Trust-Initiative, eingeworben von Universitäten Glasgow, St Andrews und Edinburgh:

„The Culture Catalyst Fund is a £1M fund which aims to improve collegial research leadership and research culture through innovative, collaborative projects. [...] we are looking for projects which have the potential to disrupt long standing institutional hierarchies in order to build leadership opportunities. We will fund innovative, collaborative projects that focus on how research is led, and the behaviours, roles, contributions and impact of those who lead. We aim to have equality, diversity and inclusion embedded through these projects.” (1)

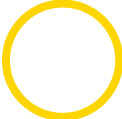
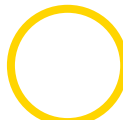
Auswahl



- Mitglieder des Rektorats
 - Expertin der Personal- und Organisationsentwicklung)
 - Vertreterin des Strategic Advisory Council des RCC
 - Vertreterinnen des RCC
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- Kriterien und Details siehe hier: [Ambassador Grants - Research Careers Campus Graz](#), nächste Frist: 15.10.2026

Preistäger:innen & Projekte



-  “From Roots to Words: Rethinking How We Speak About Plants (and Us)” (Döhrn, Hanny, Schrettle, Bürli)
-  “Sermilik Handbook for a Safe, Inclusive and Responsible Arctic Research Culture at the Sermilik Research Station” (Trügler, Schalamon, Saxinger, Schöner)
-  „From Principles to Practice: Fostering Open Science in Graz“ (Korda, Brohmer, Hofer, Pizka)
-  Sonderpreis: Kombi-Projekt zum Thema Universitätsangehörige mit Migrationsbiographie (noch zu bestätigen)

Themen der eingereichten Projekte



Verstärkung von Internationalisierung, Willkommenskultur und guter wissenschaftlicher Praxis mit Zielgruppe Master-Studierende und Doktorand:innen

Vereinbarkeit von Mutterschaft und Wissenschaft

Wertschätzung und Sichtbarkeit von Kolleg:innen im allgemeinen Personal, insbes. „Third Space Professionals“ (i.e. Technologie-Transfer-Expert:innen, Forschungsmanager:innen, wiss. Personalentwickler:innen, Gleichstellungsexpert:innen, Publikations-Expert:innen, ...)

Mehr Sichtbarkeit und Vernetzung von Frauen in der Mathematik

Kritische Auseinandersetzung mit Bibliotheksbeständen



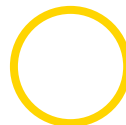
Mehr Altersvielfalt in akademischen Karrierewegen

Stadtgeschichte, Koloniale Bezüge, und Open Science

Künstliche Intelligenz und kreatives Schreiben

Professionelles Onboarding für neue Doktorand:innen

Stärkere Einbeziehung von Master-Studierenden in die Forschung



Mehr über die Projekte

April 22, 2026 (AULA, Universitätsplatz 3, 1st floor)

Noon: Community lunch

1:00 pm: Official Opening – Welcome by Rector Peter Riedler

1:30 pm: Opening Keynotes by Steve Joy (University of Cambridge) and Nicole Brown (University College London)

2:45 pm: Round Table: What nourishes researchers and feeds research creativity?

4:00 pm: Intentions for Tomorrow

April 22, 2026 (KOMBÜSE Graz, Erzherzog-Johann-Allee 2, 8010 Graz, Stadtpark)

6.30 pm to 8.00 pm: 15 Years of Supporting Research Careers: Party!

April 23, 2026 (UNICORN, Schubertstrasse 6a, Conference Deck)

10 am: Interactive welcome

10:30 am: Panel: Positive Research Cultures Claiming Space

11:30 pm: Working Groups with Panellists – Challenges and Solutions

12:15 pm: Community Lunch

1:15 pm: What is a good academic life for you? And how do we create it together?

Keynote by Geraldine Fitzpatrick (University of Technology Vienna)

2:15 pm: Collegiality Showcase: The Research Culture and Integrity

Ambassadors Introduce Themselves in three minutes

2:45 pm: Takeaways and Future Plans

RESEARCH CAREERS CAMPUS FESTIVAL 2026

Communities of Curiosity: Positive Research Cultures Claiming Space

April 22 – 23, 2026



find further information
& registration
for the event here

We work for
tomorrow



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- <https://postdoc.uni-graz.at/en/>



Schwerpunktbereiche im RCC



Do you require crucial information for your career stage?

The RCC offers:

Individual consultations
Daily updates via social media (LinkedIn)
Newsletters and websites
Events on career topics (productive working conditions)

Are you looking for financial support for research activities?

The RCC offers:

Funding programmes for a wide range of academic activities (conference participation, guest lectures, mobilities) for pre- and postdocs, as well as mid-career researchers

Would you like to develop professionally and strategically?

The RCC offers:

Approximately 40 workshops per year (300+ participants), most of which are held in English, as well as a series of expert talks on skills and elements of successful research careers

Would you like to exchange ideas in peer groups and work productively?

The RCC offers:

Retreats and writing groups for intensive work on publications and applications
Community events such as Postdoc Pizza for informal networking and social integration in Graz

Would you like to raise awareness of your achievements as a supervisor or doctoral candidate?

The RCC organises:

Recognition events for outstanding achievements in science communication (3-Minute Thesis Competition) and doctoral supervision (Seraphine Puchleitner Award)