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*Across its eight faculties, KU offers a broad range of disciplines to approximately 5,000 students. Around 900 staff members from diverse confessional and intellectual backgrounds contribute to the university's academic life. Guided by a Christian understanding of the human person, KU fosters a culture of scholarship and education grounded in responsibility, critical reflection, and a commitment to the common good.*

## School of Transformation and Sustainability (STS)

### Call for Applications

### **Fellowships (m/w/d) for the academic period 2026/27 and 2027/28**

#### **Who we are:**

The School of Transformation and Sustainability (STS) was established in October 2023 as a new faculty dedicated to addressing the major challenges of our time through an interdisciplinary approach.

STS's innovative structure and programmes are designed to analyse the political, social, and ecological changes of our time, fostering a new understanding of science and society that can navigate these changes. Through co-creative collaboration with our fellows and practice partners worldwide, the STS is systematically expanding its transformation knowledge for a successful sustainable development.

A strong commitment to the common good lies at the heart of our work and scientific efforts.

#### **Who we are looking for:**

The School of Transformation and Sustainability (STS) is pleased to announce its inaugural fellowship programme for the academic years 2026/27 and 2027/28.

We are looking for passionate thinkers, researchers and practitioners, including advanced postdoctoral researchers, to join us in exploring the social-ecological and other intersections of transformation and sustainability. Possible fellowship options include junior-, senior- or digital-fellowships.

Applications are welcome from all fields of research that intersect with science and society, regardless of disciplinary background. Fellowships may be awarded for a period of at least three, and not more than ten months.

Successful applicants will take up their fellowship during the respective academic year, beginning either on 1 October 2026, or 1 October 2027.

#### **We are looking for candidates, who...**

- wish to use their academic or practical work to provide strategic insights into the further development of the STS and help shape the School's profile.
- pursue a thematically or methodologically innovative research or development project that aligns with the inter- and transdisciplinary research agenda of the STS.

- are interested in close collaboration with the STS team, as well as with academic and civil society partners.
- are willing to engage in dialogue and knowledge-transfer formats with regional and international stakeholders, for example through guest lectures, contributions to the STS talks, roundtables, workshops or innovative teaching formats.
- present a convincing plan for developing a third-party funding proposal or a comparable academic initiative in the field of transformation and sustainability during the fellowship period.
- are interested in contributing to STS research projects, for example through conceptual contributions, joint funding applications, methodological advice, or thematic collaboration.

### **What we offer:**

STS Fellows will benefit from:

- a **workspace and an inspiring environment** for focused work on a research project, potentially in connection with a third-party funding application.
- access to the **university's research infrastructure**, facilities, and technical resources.
- **financial support**, depending upon the format of the fellowship, to be determined based on **mutually agreed responsibilities, as defined in a fellowship agreement**.

### **Application:**

Applications should be submitted by 30 June 2026. Please send your application by email to [fellowship-sts@ku.de](mailto:fellowship-sts@ku.de), addressed to Prof. Dr. Harald Pechlaner, Founding Chair of the School of Transformation and Sustainability (STS). All application documents should be combined into a single PDF file. Applications may be submitted in German or English.

Your application must include:

- (1) Letter of Motivation (1–2 pages): Please indicate the intended duration of the fellowship, the preferred period of residence and how the proposed research project relates to the STS agenda
- (2) Description of the Research Project (max. 5,000 words)
- (3) Short Academic Biography / Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages) including key academic achievements and, if applicable, references
- (4) List of Publications including max. three selected publications submitted as full texts

Please note the KU Data Protection Statement for the Application Process, which is available for download on the KU website: [www.ku.de/die-ku/stellenangebote](http://www.ku.de/die-ku/stellenangebote)

By submitting your application, you confirm that you have read and acknowledged the data protection information and privacy policy.