

Lower Saxony – Scotland Joint Forum 2026
Open Call for Workshop Proposals

19. + 20. November 2026, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Lower Saxony

ECAS invites **researchers (all career stages) and professional services staff** (e.g. International Offices, Research Services) to actively shape the programme of the **Joint Forum 2026** at Technische Universität Braunschweig by **organising their own workshop**. We welcome **ideas, research interests, and collaborative approaches** that strengthen academic, administrative, and institutional exchange between higher education institutions in Lower Saxony and Scotland, with the aim of fostering new partnerships and advancing joint activities.

The Joint Forum is a platform for interdisciplinary exchange, collaboration, and the development of joint initiatives, bringing together diverse perspectives from across the academic ecosystems.

Key Dates **Submission Deadline: 12 July 2026**

Notification: 20 July 2026

Topic **All topics are welcome.** The Joint Forum is open to:

- research-focused contributions (interdisciplinary themes are encouraged),
- knowledge transfer initiatives (e.g. joint programmes, exchanges, e-learning),
- and collaborative formats involving administrative and support units.

Format & Structure **Duration:** 90 minutes (including discussion)

Format: flexible (e.g. workshop, world café, story mapping, fishbowl)

In-person event: Attendance of the Joint Forum is required.

Your Role as Host Workshop hosts are expected to actively promote their session, engage their networks, and invite relevant participants and stakeholders. As co-creators of the Joint Forum, hosts are encouraged to take a proactive role in outreach and communication, helping to ensure strong visibility, broad participation, and a well-connected networking event.

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Eligibility Each workshop must be **co-hosted by a tandem from Lower Saxony and Scotland**, consisting of:

- academics and researchers (all career stages), and/or
- university staff (International Offices, Research Services, etc.).

Funding Selected workshops will receive financial support (lump sum) to cover travel expenses for:

- two workshop hosts (one per region)
- two additional speakers (one per region)

Criteria We are seeking workshop proposals that:

- bring together participants from different disciplines, institutions, and/or professional backgrounds,
- foster exchange between research, administration, and support structures,
- contribute to the development of future collaborations,
- are accessible to participants beyond the immediate field of expertise.

Application Please submit a short proposal (2-4 pages), including:

- topic,
- workshop hosts and (possibly) speakers,
- objectives and method,
- and relevance for academic cooperation between Lower Saxony and Scotland.

Further information, the application template, and impressions of previous editions are available at: <https://joint-forum.org>.

We look forward to receiving your application via: joint-forum@ecas-academia.org!

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