Germany’s research and innovation system enjoys a high level of global recognition. German higher education institutions and research establishments are much sought-after partners for cooperation. It is our aim to intensify this close cooperation at international level, and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research is placing special emphasis on sustainable development in this effort. During Science Year 2015, which goes under the title of “City of the Future”, these international collaborations will be looking for joint solutions to making our urban societies fit for the future. The global exchange of ideas and intensive international cooperation among researchers will also be key to finding the answers to other issues in the broad-ranging field of sustainability research.

The aim of our Green Talents competition is to promote the targeted networking of outstanding scientists from around the world. I invite all “Green Talents” to submit their application. Come and discover the potential and opportunities which Germany has to offer for sustainability researchers!

Prof. Dr. Johanna Wanka
Federal Minister of Education and Research and patron of the Green Talents Competition

Do you have what it takes?

Are you an up-and-coming scientist with original ideas and a strong focus on sustainable development? Does your research have the potential to change the world? We challenge you to convince our high-ranking expert jury and become one of the 25 Green Talents of 2015!

As the theme of Germany’s Science Year 2015 is the “City of the Future” we very much welcome applications from candidates who work in and around this topic. However, the competition is open to all subject areas and offers equal chances of success.

More information at www.greentalents.de
Please submit your online application before 02 June 2015, 12 PM CET.
GREEN TALENTS NETWORK

Become part of the unique global Green Talents network of more than 100 outstanding young minds from over 40 different countries worldwide. Its active alumni network covers the full spectrum of sustainability science and will help you to exchange your ideas with peers and find new project partners.

RESEARCH STAY IN 2016

Take your research a step forward when you are invited to return in 2016 for a fully-funded research stay. Spend up to three months at a German facility of your choice. Gain new experiences in an inspiring environment and advance your professional career while establishing long-lasting relationships.

REQUIREMENTS

- Strong focus on sustainable development and an interdisciplinary approach
- Enrolment in or completion of a master’s degree programme or higher
- Significantly above-average grades
- Up to 32 years of age
- Proven excellent command of English
- Not a German citizen nor a resident of Germany

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SCIENCE FORUM

The Green Talents will be invited to Germany for a two-week science forum in autumn 2015. You will visit some of the hotspots of sustainability science. This offers you the unique opportunity to get exclusive access to the country’s research landscape. Learn about ground-breaking projects on-site and possibilities for cooperation with German experts and facilities.

INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS

You will meet leading German experts of your choice in individual appointments to personally discuss your research and lay the foundations for future collaborations.

THIS YEAR’S PARTNERS

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- Ecologic Institute, Berlin
- Fraunhofer Institute for Open Communication Systems FOKUS, Berlin
- Henkel AG, Dusseldorf