

ENLIGHT IMPACT AWARDS 2022 Call for Submissions from Research Teams

INTRODUCTION

[ENLIGHT](#) is a European University Alliance to promote equitable quality of life, sustainability and global engagement through Higher Education transformation. ENLIGHT brings together nine research-intensive universities from nine European countries (University of the Basque Country, University of Bordeaux, Comenius University Bratislava, University of Galway, Ghent University, University of Göttingen, University of Groningen, University of Tartu, Uppsala University).

The ENLIGHT University Alliance has obtained funding from the European Commission in the framework of the Horizon 2020 Programme and more specifically within the Science with and for Society (SWAFS) Work Programme for the ENLIGHT RISE project. ENLIGHT RISE (Research and Innovation agenda with and for society) seeks to strengthen the research and innovation dimension of the ENLIGHT Alliance.

IMPACT¹ is at the core of the ENLIGHT mission and, as such, one of its main objectives is to **promote a culture of impact within ENLIGHT Universities**, including the promotion of a model of good practice of impact-driven management and the integration of impact across Higher Education, Research and Innovation activities.

ENLIGHT IMPACT AWARDS

The **ENLIGHT IMPACT AWARDS** seek to **recognize and give visibility to RESEARCH ENDEAVOURS** at **ENLIGHT universities that are exemplars in planning for and achieving impact.**

A maximum of **five ENLIGHT IMPACT AWARDS** will be made; including, ideally and if possible, one AWARD in each of the five [ENLIGHT flagship domains](#):

- Health and well-being
- Digital revolution and digitization
- Climate change
- Energy and circular economy
- Equity

Applications are invited from research teams at ENLIGHT Universities and must be nominated by their University through a locally defined internal selection process (*see selection procedure eligibility and selection criteria sections for further details*). The representatives of the awarded teams will be identified as **ENLIGHT Impact Ambassadors** and become members of the ENLIGHT Impact Ambassadors Network.

¹ In ENLIGHT we define research impact as the effects of research in the real world. Impact is the changes we can see (demonstrate, measure, capture), beyond academia (in society, economy, environment) which happen because of our research (caused by, contributed to, attributable to). Impact may look and operate slightly differently across disciplines, and for fundamental versus applied research, but ultimately is about connecting academic research to changes in the real world.

The ENLIGHT Impact Awards will be presented during the **ENLIGHT Impact Conference** at the University of the Basque Country on the 30th & 31st March 2023. The ENLIGHT Impact Conference will bring together international leading impact experts and will be the setting in which **all institutional nominees of the ENLIGHT Impact Award will be recognised**.

THE ENLIGHT IMPACT AMBASSADORS

The ENLIGHT Impact Ambassadors are the representatives of the impact awarded teams. The awarded teams can be composed of researchers of all levels of seniority (from R1 to R4, according to [EURAXESS definition](#)) and areas of expertise, but also research support staff, from ENLIGHT universities. Together, in a joint team effort, they should demonstrate having embedded impact in their research pathway and ultimately contributed to bring about change in one (or more) of the five above mentioned [ENLIGHT flagship domains](#).

Independently of their field of expertise, discipline focus, seniority and position at the university, the ENLIGHT Impact Ambassadors are enthusiastic and outspoken supporters of impactful research. Besides their contribution to impactful research, they should show a genuine interest and motivation to commit and be part of the ENLIGHT Impact Ambassadors Network. They should be able to communicate effectively and have their voice heard among international peers.

ENLIGHT Impact Ambassadors will not have executive tasks or assignments within the Alliance, but will function as “role models” and inspiring figures for the research community within and beyond ENLIGHT Alliance. More specifically, and with the support of the ENLIGHT research impact team, the ENLIGHT Impact Ambassadors will:

- **Inspire**
Act as “role models” to other researchers and research support staff; showcasing and giving testimony of their research impact pathway.
- **Reach out**
Raise awareness of research impact; engaging in outreach activities; participating in mutual learning and exchange of experiences and insights; connecting with ENLIGHT Impact Ambassadors Network, ENLIGHT impact team and beyond; contributing thus to improve impact literacy across ENLIGHT and beyond.
- **Promote**
Promote ENLIGHT research impact work and acting as research impact multipliers across different fields of knowledge and regional, national and international networks; supporting and providing advice to ENLIGHT impact team in the execution of its different tasks (e.g. identification of sources to the [research impact repository](#); contribution to the research impact training programmes; etc.)

Level of engagement

It is envisaged that the time commitment of the ENLIGHT Impact Ambassadors to the ENLIGHT over the course of the 2023/2024 period will be limited but can vary depending on the Impact Ambassadors' availability and the time that they are in the position to dedicate. A typical commitment over the course of a year could be as follows:

- **1-2 online meetings** a year to support/advice ENLIGHT impact team in its activities;
- **1-2 international workshops/ conferences** a year to reach out and promote ENLIGHT and its universities research impact approaches. These workshops/conferences could be identified by either the awarded ENLIGHT impact ambassadors or ENLIGHT impact team. ENLIGHT payment of workshops/ conferences attendance is conditional on prior consent by the ENLIGHT impact team;
- **Give feedback on ENLIGHT research impact activities and outputs.**

WHAT IS IN IT FOR YOU?

Each ENLIGHT Impact Award recognises the exemplar impact work of the successful research team awardees. More concretely, it provides:

- **Increased visibility** to your research impact approach, pathway and project, through the [ENLIGHT website](#), [ENLIGHT Repository of Good Practices on Research Impact](#), ENLIGHT social media, international workshops and conferences (e.g. ENLIGHT Impact Conference);
- **Support to attend relevant international workshops/ conferences.** As previously mentioned, these workshops/conferences could be identified by either the awarded or ENLIGHT impact teams. ENLIGHT payment of workshops/ conferences attendance is conditional on prior consent by the ENLIGHT impact team and valid for one representative per awarded team over the course of the 2023/ 2024 period;
- The possibility of being part of a **wide-reaching networking** of other ENLIGHT universities research impact ambassadors, in close contact with the ENLIGHT impact team and with the possibility of connecting also with other impact networks where ENLIGHT is represented (e.g. FOREU2 thematic sub-group on impact led by ENLIGHT, AESIS network for Advancing and Evaluating the Societal Impact of Science, etc.);
- The possibility of knowledge and good practices **sharing and mutual learning**;
- The opportunity to **support and influence** ENLIGHT impact work.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Each ENLIGHT university is asked to submit at least one, and a maximum of three applications, from its institution to be considered for the ENLIGHT IMPACT AWARD.

The awarded teams, and subsequent Impact Ambassadors, **will be chosen by a jury, comprised of external experts and members of the ENLIGHT Research Impact team, out of all nominations submitted by the ENLIGHT universities.**

The internal procedure for identifying candidate research teams at each ENLIGHT university is at the discretion of each institution separately and not standard across the ENLIGHT Alliance. Besides ENLIGHT Alliance dissemination means², each university is asked to circulate this announcement to all research groups/labs who could potentially be nominated, and to identify possible candidate teams through processes that are transparent and inclusive.

² ENLIGHT website, ENLIGHT Think Tank and ENLIGHT R&I Support Group, among others.

Ideally, an ENLIGHT IMPACT AWARD will be made in each of the 5 flagship domains; however, depending on the submissions and the conclusion of the assessment process, not all of the ENLIGHT flagship areas will necessarily be represented in the AWARDS.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Interested research teams should apply using an application form³ with due attention to the following eligibility and selection criteria:

Eligibility Criteria:

- Research teams of ENLIGHT Universities, involving at least 3 researchers.
- The time scope of the research undertaking should have been launched and/or implemented in the last 5 years period (January 2018-December 2022).

Selection Criteria:

- **Joint team effort**, involving senior and early career researchers. The participation of different research groups/labs from different fields of expertise and the involvement of research support staff will be valued positively. (10/100)
- **Contribution to addressing ENLIGHT flagship related challenges** (health and well-being; digital revolution and digitization; climate change; energy and circular economy; equity)⁴. (10/100)
- **Societal stakeholder⁵ engagement**. Role of societal stakeholders throughout the research life-cycle (design, implementation, communication, exploitation and use of research results) and pathway to impact. (30/100)
- **Impact pathway**. Approach and efforts deployed by the research team for promoting impactful research. Evidence of achieved outcomes and impact are not compulsory, but will be valued positively. (30/100)
- **Interest and motivation** of the research team to commit and be represented at the ENLIGHT Impact Ambassadors Network. (20/100)

APPLICATIONS

Applications by each ENLIGHT institution should be sent to ENLIGHT research impact team (impact.enlight@ehu.es) using the above-mentioned form in pdf.

³ See Annex 1.

⁴ For further details, please consult: <https://enlight-eu.org/university-about-us/flagship-domains>

⁵ By societal stakeholders we understand business organisations, policy makers and public administration, civil society organisations, citizens, etc.

TIMELINE

Call for nominations published	1 December 2022
ENLIGHT Universities internal selection procedure	December 2022 – February 2023
Deadline for nominations by ENLIGHT universities	15 February 2023
Evaluation and selection	15 March 2023
ENLIGHT Impact Conference and Award Ceremony	30-31 March 2023

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

For any clarification question you can contact either ENLIGHT research impact team (impact.enlight@ehu.es) or your ENLIGHT RISE University coordinator at:

- University of the Basque Country: enlight@ehu.eus
- Comenius University of Bratislava: enlight@uniba.sk
- University of Bordeaux: enlight@u-bordeaux.fr
- University of Galway: enlight@universityofgalway.ie
- Ghent University: rise@ugent.be; enlight@ugent.be
- University of Göttingen: enlight@uni-goettingen.de
- University of Groningen: wiebe.zijlstra@rug.nl
- University of Tartu: enlight@ut.ee
- University of Uppsala: enlight@uu.se

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ANNEX 1 - Application Form

The completed application form should be sent to your university ENLIGHT RISE project representative on the internal deadline announced by the university. Please ensure that this form is saved in PDF format. Please read carefully the regulations of the ENLIGHT IMPACT AWARD – 2022 Call for Submission from Research Teams.

1. THE TEAM

1.1. Team Representative¹

Full Name	
Position	
In case of academics/ researchers please specify your profile ² :	<input type="checkbox"/> First Stage Researcher (R1) (Up to the point of PhD)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Recognised Researcher (R2) (PhD holders or equivalent who are not yet fully independent)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Established Researcher (R3) (Researchers who have developed a level of independence)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Leading Researcher (R4) (Researchers leading their research area or field)
Research Group/ Lab Department	
Faculty (where applicable)	
University	
Email	

¹ In alignment with the call specifications, the proposed team representative will be the one to be proposed for becoming ENLIGHT Impact Ambassador.

² See Euraxess research profiles descriptors for further details:

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/europe/career-development/training-researchers/research-profiles-descriptors>

1.2. Other team members³

Full Name	
Position	
In case of academics/ researchers please specify your profile ⁴ :	<input type="checkbox"/> First Stage Researcher (R1) (Up to the point of PhD)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Recognised Researcher (R2) (PhD holders or equivalent who are not yet fully independent)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Established Researcher (R3) (Researchers who have developed a level of independence)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Leading Researcher (R4) (Researchers leading their research area or field)
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In case of academics/ researchers please specify your profile ⁵ :	<input type="checkbox"/> First Stage Researcher (R1) (Up to the point of PhD)
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Research Group/ Lab Department	
Faculty (where applicable)	
University	

³ In case the team includes more members, please repeat the tables as many times as necessary.

⁴ See Euraxess research profiles descriptors for further details:

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2. THE RESEARCH PROJECT/ INITIATIVE

Title

Start date	
End date (or estimated date if unknown)	

3. COLLABORATION WITHIN THE TEAM

Please describe briefly the collaboration between the different team members and their contribution to the research impact pathway⁶. (max. 100 words)

Insert text here

⁶ An impact pathway is the process (i.e. a simplified causal chain of events and interactions) that connects the research activities to effects in and on society.

4. CONTRIBUTION TO ADDRESSING ENLIGHT FLAGSHIP RELATED CHALLENGES

Describe briefly how the impact pathway underpinned or made a contribution to the ENLIGHT flagship related challenges (health and well-being; digital revolution and digitization; climate change; energy and circular economy; equity)⁷. (max. 250 words)

Insert text here

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5. SOCIETAL STAKEHOLDER⁸ ENGAGEMENT

Identify the key stakeholders that were invited to inform the research plan and the opportunities identified for stakeholder engagement throughout the lifecycle of the project (design, implementation, communication, exploitation and use of research results). (max. 250 words)

Insert text here

⁸ By societal stakeholders we understand business organisations, policy makers and public administration, civil society organisations, citizens, etc.

6. IMPACT PATHWAY

Please describe the approach and efforts deployed by the research team for promoting impactful research. (max. 250 words)

Insert text here

Where applicable, please describe the impact achieved by the project, outlining the main impacts and giving an indication of the reach and significance of the work described. What was the benefit and why was this important, including concrete evidence, qualitative/ quantitative indicators of achieved outcomes and impact.

Insert text here

7. INTEREST AND MOTIVATION

Please describe briefly the interest and motivation of the research team to apply, commit to and be represented at the ENLIGHT Impact Ambassadors Network. (max. 150 words)

Insert text here

THANK YOU!!!