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HCE COLLEGE

Information session, 14 October 2025



HEIDELBERG CENTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

- Promoting networking between environment-relevant competencies from different research disciplines
- Established in 2011
- Research and Transfer activities are funded by the University's Excellence Strategy
- 4EU+ Flagship 4 coordination (HU)- International cooperation in research based education for sustainable development



CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS (2024-2026)



**Restoring Nature: Implications for
Biodiversity, Food Systems and Nutrition
Status**



**The Public Negotiation of Justice in
Transitions to Sustainability**





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the Heidelberg Center for the Environment has coordinated a

Sustainability Think Tank,

- founded in November 2023 to develop a **sustainability strategy for Heidelberg University,**
- the STT is currently being developed into the **Sustainability Office** with **Sustainability Board**

YOUR SUSTAINABILITY IDEA

Are you a student or member of staff at the university and do you have an idea on how the university can become more sustainable?

Then please answer a few questions via the link below. Even after the submission of the recommendations, incoming ideas continue to be collected.

Your Sustainability Idea ➔

HCE College

Inter- and transdisciplinary training for doctoral candidates

Addressing challenges

- climate change
- resource scarcity
- ecosystem restoration
- circular economy

Focus on

- sustainable development
- innovation
- outreach
- teamwork

Class 2024/25

environmental physics

environmental ethics

climate-sensitive infectious diseases

political ecology/just transition

costal hazards/paleoclimate



The idea behind: „T-shaped PhD student”



Ability to integrate information across disciplines

Embracing complexity

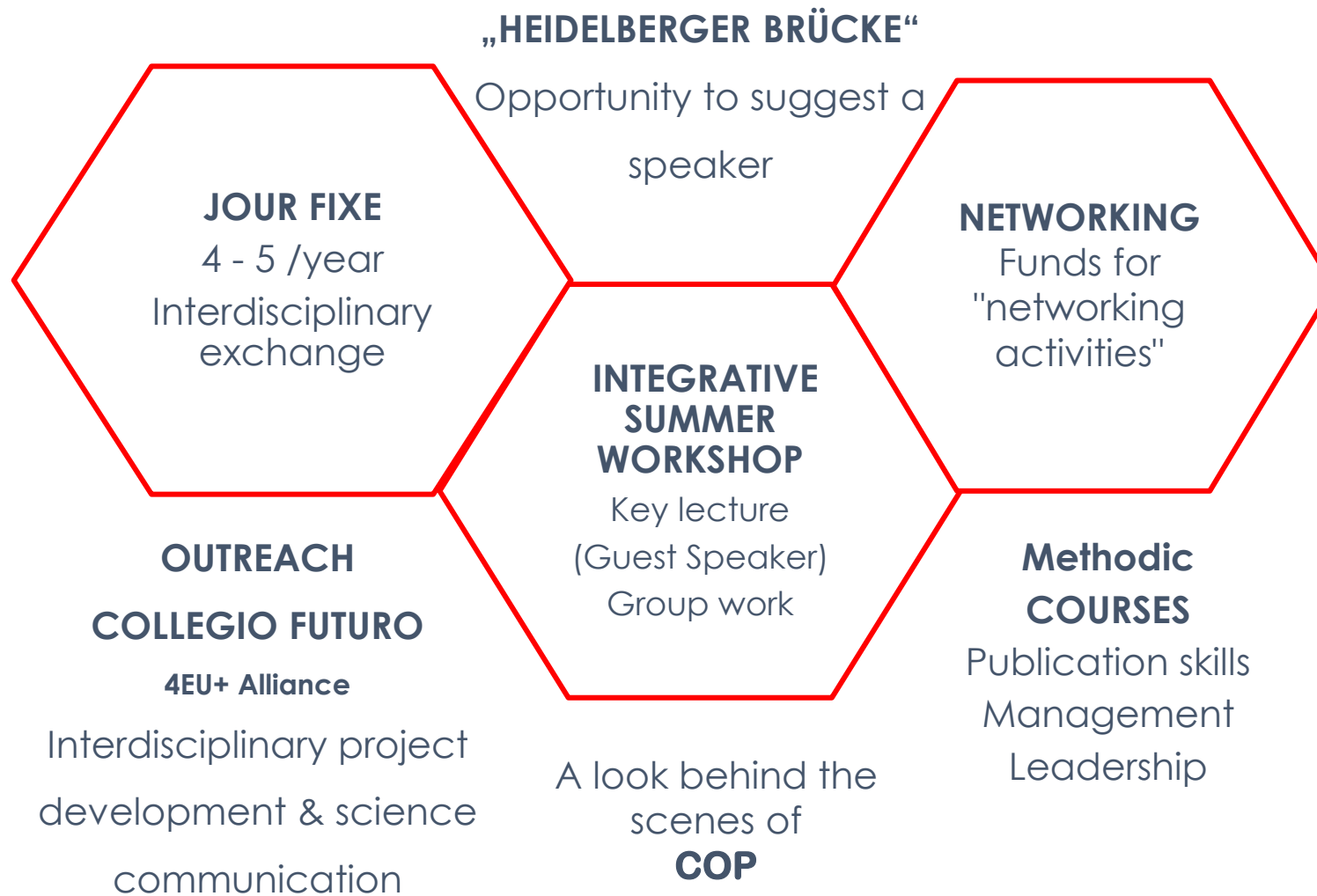
- systems thinking
- critical thinking
- problem framing

Interaction

- communication skills
- collaboration and team skills
- leadership and management skills

Specialisation

The concept



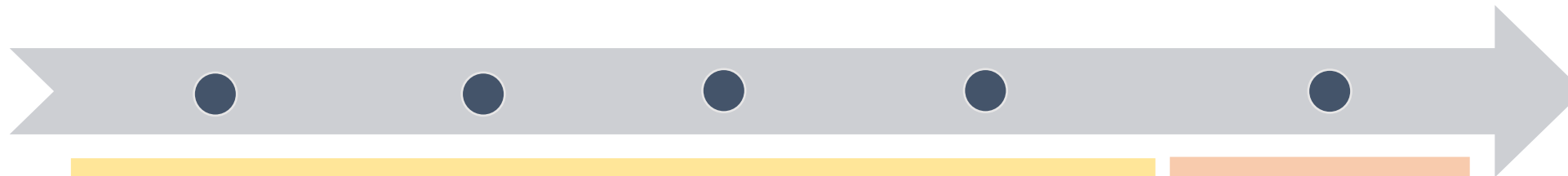
HCE-College core program 2025/26



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**Letter of
attendance**

€600 Stipend*
for Networking &
Training

4 December 2025	9 January 2026	6 March 2026	8 May 2026	30 July 2026
3.00 – 6.30 PM	4.30 – 6.00 PM			1.00 – 6.00 PM

JOUR FIXE MEETINGS
Interdisciplinary exchange

**INTEGRATIVE SUMMER
WORKSHOP**
(Guest) lecture
Group work

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Connection to European networks



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The 4EU+ European University Alliance



Eight comprehensive, research-intensive, public universities



...with the aim to establish a truly integrated European University System.



Collegio futuro

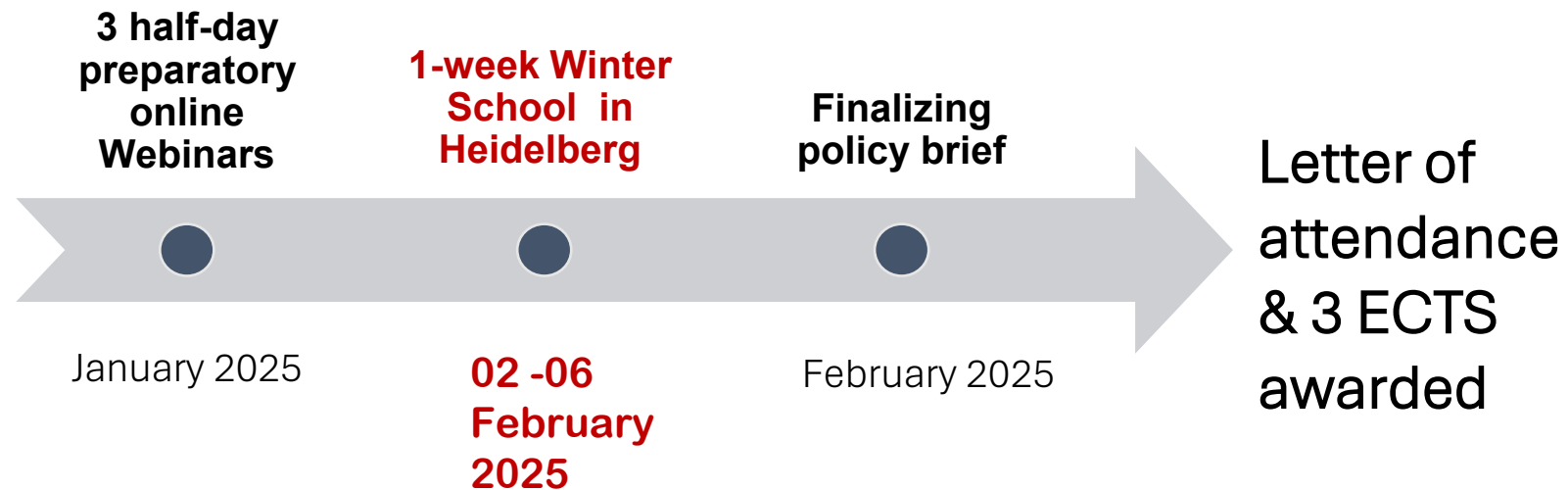
... practicing the **interdisciplinary collaboration**

... acquisition of soft skills by **practical implementation**

... **science communication** – policy brief writing



Collegio futuro schedule 2025/26



How to participate in HCE-College

- ☐ To apply, please email us a short, informal **letter of motivation** (no more than one page) in which you briefly explain what you expect from HCE College and how you would like to contribute and **attach CV**
hce@uni-heidelberg.de
- ☐ **The HCE College's core program sessions** (a total of five in the 2025/26 academic year) are held entirely on-site. Participation is only worthwhile if you are able to attend all (or almost all) of them.
- ☐ You may stay an HCE-College member for up to three years, as long as you are a PhD student. For each academic year you may receive the certificate of participation (with ECTS or SWS) and €600 support*, but you must not miss more than one core-program session per academic year to stay eligible.

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