**HCE College enrollment**

**The HCE College is a training program of the Heidelberg Center for the Environment (HCE) that offers doctoral students and junior researchers support in the form of a network, advice and a small yearly stipend. With this support, they are encouraged to plan, start and shape their academic and/or professional career.**

# What does the HCE College offer its MEMBERS?

* **Networking –** the HCE College integrates its members into a large network of international academic institutions, thereby fostering exchange and collaboration with different academics whose work is relevant for the HCE College members’ fields of research. With over 70 members of high-ranking academics from the University of Heidelberg, as well as other German and international research institutions and environmental centers, HCE College members have the opportunity to connect, exchange ideas and collaboratewith each other.
* **Mentorship and Support -** Research is a collaborative endeavor. At HCE, we strive to create a collaborative, inter/transdisciplinary and inclusive environment, where junior, mid-career and senior academics can discuss ideas in a highly creative, stimulating and supporting environment. This means that members help each other out, and support each other’s research. As part of the HCE community, HCE College members will receive support from fellows in the form of academic feedback, through workshops, seminars and HCE colloquia.
* **Financial support**: HCE College members receive an allowance of up to €600 per year for a maximum period of three years during their doctoral studies. This support can be used by the students for further training (conferences, workshops, excursions, method courses, etc.) and is available as reimbursement for the travel expenses and participation fees.

# WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM HCE COLLEGE MEMBERS?

* **Active engagement** in HCE College activities: regular participation in Jour Fixe meetings, seminars, workshops, discussion groups;
* **Peer to peer support**, active transdisciplinary exchange and collegiality;
* **Be ambassadors** of the Heidelberg Center of Environment (HCE) within your own institution and when travelling / engaging with peers from outside the Heidelberg University.

**Confirmation of Enrollment into the HCE College**

Student name:

Institute/Department:

Faculty:

Principle Investigator (PI):

Secondary PI (if applicable):

Start of the PhD research:

Expected time PhD research completion:

(Student name)

has been enrolled as a graduate student at the abovementioned Institute/Department of Heidelberg University and has been accepted as a graduate student by the

(Faculty)

Furthermore, I hereby confirm that I will support his/her doctoral study program to align with the requirements outlined by HCE College. It is understood that for the named doctoral student the HCE College activities will not exceed 5% of the time devoted to his individual research project.

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Signature of Main PI and date

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Signature of doctoral student and date

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Signature of HCE Office representative