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Rhine – Ruhr 2025 FISU World Conference

Call for Projects

The World University Games is a multi-sport event that has been held every two years (in odd-numbered years), with both summer and winter editions. In 2020, the Games were renamed the 'FISU World University Games', and they are the most important competition in international university sport.

The FISU World University Games are, however, not only a major sporting occasion, but also a multi-faceted, intercultural event. With its origin dating back to 1960, the FISU World Conference is a core element and the academic highlight of the FISU World University Games. Within a three-day programme, the FISU World Conference creates a platform for interdisciplinary scientific exchange and stimulates research and creativity beyond the scope of academia. In 2025, the FISU World Conference will include outstanding keynotes and panelists and further provide a platform for innovative formats and engaging opportunities which are open to the general public.

The abstract submission phase has ended, and we are pleased to announce that starting in February, best-practice projects can be submitted for the upcoming FISU World Conference. Institutions, universities, non-profit organisations, and associations are warmly invited to submit a brief description of their project electronically via the designated form. Please follow the provided instructions to complete your project submission. We look forward to a diverse and exciting conference programme.

Time	17 – 19 July 2025
Location	Jahrhunderthalle Bochum An der Jahrhunderthalle 1 44793 Bochum, Germany
Format	Offline participation plus online broadcasting of keynotes
Registration	Registration has been opened since 1 December 2024 and will close 31 March 2025 . It is accessible via the homepage . More information will be available via the Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games website.
Registration fee	Registration fee is 239€ for regular participants and 159€ for students (including conference programme, ground pass access to all sporting events, public transport ticket for the entire period of the Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games, coffee breaks, lunches, participation certificate, cultural activities, conference dinner).

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Tickets without access to the conference dinner will cost 199€ for regular participants and 119€ for students. A third category of tickets, explicitly for students and only including access to the conference and all events happening at the Jahrhunderthalle will cost 39€. Accommodation and travel expenses are not included. Irrespective of abstract acceptance, participants are required to purchase a conference package.

Theme

Competing for change: Exploring sustainability and (mental) health through sports

Subthemes

- (1) Mental health and performance under pressure among athletes
- (2) Balancing acts: Work-life balance and resilience among high-performance coaches, referees and the entourage
- (3) Ecological sustainability on campus
- (4) Health and well-being in sports and physical activity

Events

Keynote speeches
Parallel sessions
Poster sessions
Panel discussions
Workshops
Cultural events

Project Submission

REQUIREMENTS

- **Submission Period:** Project submissions open on **3 February, 2025**, and can be completed via the following form.
- **Submission Process:** Open the form and begin the submission process. All projects must be submitted electronically. Submissions via other methods, including paper submissions, will not be accepted.
- **Project Categories and Presentation Format:** Within the form, indicate the subtopic most relevant to your project and your preferred format for presenting it.
- **Deadline:** The submission deadline is **15 March, 2025**. Projects submitted after this date will not be considered.
- **Selection Process:** The selection of successful submissions will be based on quality, diversity, and the extent to which the proposed content informs, engages, and meets the selection criteria. This process will be carried out by the organising committee and relevant partners.

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- **Notification:** Confirmation of selected projects will be sent no later than **15 April, 2025**. Therefore, submitting a project does not guarantee acceptance or participation as a speaker at the conference.
- **Final Presentation Submission:** The final presentation must be submitted by **03 July, 2025**.

Additional Notes

- **Submission by Presenter:** If possible, the person submitting the project will also be the one presenting it at the conference. If multiple individuals are involved in the project, any one of them may submit the application. For joint presentations, all names must be provided in the registration form.
- **Submission Limit:** Each person may submit only one project and is responsible for ensuring that the project is non-profit.
- **Non-Commercial Projects Only:** The project must not have commercial objectives or promote commercial vendors. It should address the theme of the FISU World Conference from a practical perspective.
- **Participation fee:** The presenter of the project will receive free access to the session in which the project is presented. If, however, the presenter wishes to attend any additional programme elements, he or she has to register and purchase a ticket via the [homepage](#).
- **Language:** The conference language is English. Therefore, all presentations are expected to be held in English.

Formatting guidelines

- The project description must not exceed 300 words (excluding title, subheadings, author block, and references).
- The description must not contain photos, illustrations, charts, tables, diagrams, or similar graphical elements.

Sustainability

Please try to reduce your carbon footprint. You will get free public transport with your conference ticket, and we also encourage participants to use rental bikes which are available in Bochum. Further mobility tips and exciting biking routes will be provided on the website and within the event app.

Accessibility

The conference venue is fully accessible and if you would like a sign language interpreter, please indicate this when registering. Further details on accessibility will be provided on the website.



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Scope

These Terms and Conditions apply to the submission conducted by any natural person or institution who submit a project description to present their project at the FISU World Conference (“Conference”), organised by Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games gGmbH (“RR2025”), either as a lecture or poster presentation (“project”, the submission of the project the “project submission”).

Participation as a speaker

The selected applicants (“speakers”) must register to attend the Conference and be available to speak at any time during the Conference. If not attending the full day, speakers are requested to advise the Organising Committee of RR2025. Registration, travel, accommodation and any other associated costs will be the responsibility of the speaker. Expenses for the preparation of the presentations and for participant documentation will also not be reimbursed. RR2025 reserves the right to make alterations to the speakers and the Conference programme, venues and timings.

Insurance

RR2025 encourages speakers to obtain independent advice regarding insurance to cover potential risks including (but not limited to) costs of travel, accommodation, Conference fees, personal property, health and medical expenses, injury, death and any other risks.

**Privacy and Intellectual
Property, Usage rights**

Speakers guarantee that their project, any additionally submitted documents and their presentation do not contain any content which is illegal, blasphemous, defamatory, indecent, commercial, political, or which infringes the rights of any third parties including any intellectual property rights. Speakers confirm that their presentation does not violate any proprietary or personal rights of others (including, but not limited to, any copyright, trademark, or privacy rights). For the project description, any additionally submitted documents and their presentations, the speakers grant RR2025 the necessary usage rights for the promotion of the presentation (e.g., in print media, social media, newsletters, mailings), inclusion in the Conference programme (print and online), recording and live broadcasting of the session, and making the recording and slides available on the Conference portal.

Data Protection

For all data processed by RR2025 gGmbH in connection with the project submission, the Privacy Policy for Call for Projects applies, which is provided to the respective candidate along with these Terms and Conditions and brought to their attention.

Liability

RR2025 and its legal representatives shall be liable for damages, regardless of the legal basis, only in cases of intent or gross negligence, or – limited to the foreseeable, typical contractual damage – in cases of breach of essential contractual obligations. This limitation of liability does not apply to claims for damages resulting from injury to life, body, or health, or due to other legally mandatory liability provisions.

Final provision

Should individual clauses of these Terms and Conditions be wholly or partially invalid, the validity of the remaining clauses or the remaining parts of such clauses shall not be affected. In the event of the invalidity of any provision, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to replace it with a provision that most closely approximates the economic purpose of the invalid provision. The same applies to any gaps within these Terms and Conditions.

Contact Details

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