

Digital GreenTalents Award 2026

**Show your potential and
and become one of the
Digital GreenTalents of 2026!**

Artificial intelligence precisely sorts valuable raw materials, collection robots remove waste from the environment or digital twins enable sustainable urban planning. Germany aims to apply the power of digital tools like robotics to drive sustainable development.

Once again, the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) is looking for highly motivated and talented young scientists from all over the world to be part of this mission. If you are doing research on topics where digital technology and sustainable development meet, take your chance and convince our high ranked jury!



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

PhD students (or recent graduates) and students in the final year of a Master's degree

A strong focus on research topics combining digital technology and sustainability

Not older than 30 years

Very good English skills and above-average grades



**Call for
applications**

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★ Research stay in 2027
Come to Germany for a fully funded research stay. Spend up to three months at a German institution or company of your choice and take your research and career to the next level.

★ SummerSchool in 2027
Join an enriching experience at the Digital GreenTalents SummerSchool with insightful discussions and valuable knowledge. Be part of a community passionate about shaping a sustainable future.

★ Mentoring Program
Participate in the Digital GreenTalents mentoring program, specifically tailored to GreenTech research and industry. Get help to fit into the corresponding research community and job market in Germany.

★ Networking & Cooperation
Find new project or collaboration partners in our active global Digital GreenTalents alumni network. It covers a wide spectrum of experts for sustainability science and digitalization.

THE JURY



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Please submit your online application between May 15, 2026 and June 15, 2026, 02:00 p.m., CEST.

In case of enquiries, please contact the Project Management Agency Karlsruhe (PTKA) at digitalgreentalents@ptka.kit.edu



Further information can be found at digitalgreentalents.de

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