

RLS-Sciences Virtual Funding Workshop: Spotlight on student and young researcher mobility

January 30, 2026 (Friday)

Regional times:

14:30-16:00 CET Bavaria, Upper Austria / 08:30-10:00 Georgia, Québec / 10:30-12:00 São Paulo / 21:30-23:00 Shandong / 15:30-17:00 Western Cape

The RLS-Sciences Virtual Funding Workshop 2026 is designed to support master students, doctoral candidates, and early-career researchers in navigating the diverse landscape of academic mobility. Experts will provide information and tools for identifying mobility programmes throughout different stages of academic trajectory at various regional scales. Moreover, recent mobility awardees will share their experiences and showcase how multiregional mobility can act as a driver for multilateral science collaboration.

14:30 – 14:40 CET	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Martin Garthoff, Bavarian State Chancellery / Dr. Florence Gauzy, WKS Bavaria-Québec/Alberta/International and RLS-Sciences Lead Management Partner</p> <p>Prof. Louis Gosselin, Université Laval, RLS-Sciences President</p> <p>Lea Pfäffel and Michaela Eggert, WKS Bavaria-Québec/Alberta/International</p>
14:40 – 15:10 CET	<p>Regional contributions</p> <p>Leslie Walsh, Fonds de recherche du Québec-Nature et technologies</p> <p>Prof. Connie McManus, FAPESP</p> <p>Prof. Martin Kagel, University of Georgia</p>
15:10 – 15:20 CET	<p>RLS-Sciences Funding Database Highlights</p> <p>Lea Pfäffel and Michaela Eggert, WKS Bavaria-Québec/Alberta/International</p>
15:20 – 15:40 CET	<p>Experiences from Students and Young Researchers</p> <p>Mayara Melo, UNICAMP</p> <p>Mag. Michael Denk, Energieinstitut an der JKU Linz</p> <p>Dr. Maria Bieringer and Jana Witolla, University of Applied Sciences Landshut</p> <p>Maximilian Kadzioch, Volkswagen ClimatePartner GmbH</p>
15:40 – 15:55 CET	<p>Questions & Answers</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Sebastian Goers, Energieinstitut an der JKU Linz</p>
15:55 – 16:00 CET	<p>Closing</p> <p>Dr. Florence Gauzy, WKS Bavaria-Québec/Alberta/International and RLS-Sciences Lead Management Partner</p> <p>Dr. Sebastian Fendt, Technical University of Munich</p>