

Internship Proposal – transSCAPE-Werkstatt – Urban Cultural Studies Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

The transSCAPE-Werkstatt is a transfer research project operating at the intersection of urban and cultural studies for the regeneration of the Science Port (Wissenschaftshafen in Magdeburg). The research connects directly to several UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular:

- SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure): strengthening cooperation between universities, the city administration, and the local economic and scientific community in health and medical technologies.
- SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities): exploring interim uses and transfer formats to foster inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable urban spaces.
- SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals): experimenting with formats of cooperation across disciplines and institutions, ensuring knowledge is shared beyond academic boundaries.

Within EU GREEN's broader framework, the internship supports the creation of robust scientific communities across Europe, enabling students to act as mediators between academia and society. This is achieved through direct experience in the transfer field. The training and research tasks of the internship not only promote sustainable development locally but also contribute to EU GREEN's long-term goal by embedding societal responsibility at the heart of education and research.

Missions of the students

The student will support ongoing transSCAPE research into transfer formats, including town hall meetings, co-creation workshops, interim use concepts and science walks. They will assist with their documentation and evaluation. They will also contribute to preparing dissemination materials such as reports and public presentations, helping to communicate research outcomes to academic and non-academic audiences. The internship outcomes are as follows:

- Gain methodological skills in urban cultural studies.
- Learn to apply qualitative research tools (workshop documentation, participatory evaluation).
- Acquire competences in project-based collaboration and transfer between academia, city institutions, and the economic/medical technology sector.

Specific Conditions of the Internship

Location: The internship is hosted at transSCAPE-Werkstatt (Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg, Germany). Research activities will take place at the Wissenschaftshafen in Magdeburg, where urban transfer projects are piloted.

Working language: German and/or English.

Compensation: According to German national regulations for student internships. The supervisor will ensure compliance with university rules regarding gratification.

Students are also encouraged to apply for EU GREEN mobility funding through their home institutions.

Advantages:

- Immersion in a transdisciplinary research environment connecting cultural studies, urbanism, and knowledge transfer.
- Active participation in applied research with direct societal impact.
- Opportunities to engage with diverse stakeholders (academics, city officials, cultural practitioners, technology companies).
- Mentorship from the transSCAPE research team.

This internship provides students with a unique opportunity to combine academic training with applied research, contributing directly to the sustainable transformation of urban environments in line with the EU GREEN vision. By engaging in transdisciplinary collaboration and co-creation, interns will strengthen both their research skills and their capacity to operate at the intersection of science, culture, and society. They will contribute to the evaluation of innovative transfer formats and actively participate in the sustainable development of urban spaces. The experience is designed not only to support ongoing transSCAPE projects but also to prepare students for future roles as researchers and professionals committed to the UN SDGs, ensuring that the internship is both academically rigorous and socially meaningful.