



2026 GO Heimat (14 June – 28 June 2026)

Information

Dear Global Citizens,

we are opening the applications for the 2026 GO Heimat Project! You can apply for our summer school in Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany starting today, Monday, 19 January 2026, until Monday, 16 February 2026.

Join us in Mainz for a unique intercultural and interdisciplinary experience! The upcoming GO (Global Outreach - Global Citizen) Project brings together students to explore the concept of *Heimat* - a German word often translated as home or homeland - and how it's being reshaped by global challenges such as climate change, migration, and displacement. Here are some details that might be of interest to you.

“GO Heimat Q&A” on Tuesday, 3 February 2026 on MS-Teams: This is an open Q&A, and we will be available from 3pm to 4pm GMT (3pm-4pm: UK + Ireland; 4pm-5pm: Germany; 5pm-6pm: Latvia). Feel free to drop in and ask any questions you may have:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/32851222787177?p=EtGRWkrPcJ5zDaBnAF>

Meeting-ID: 328 512 227 871 77

Passcode: aC7kV2X8

What to Expect

Virtual meetings prior to the mobility phase:

Wednesday, 22 April 2026: 1st meeting

Wednesday, 6 May 2026: 2nd meeting

Wednesday, 20 May 2026: 3rd meeting

Monday, 1 June 2026 – Friday, 12 June 2026: **German Language Course** (JGU Mainz – free & optional)

Sunday, 14 June 2026 – Sunday, 21 June 2026: **Academic week** (JGU Mainz)

Sunday, 21 June 2026 – Thursday, 25 June 2026: **Project work** (Ahrtal)

Friday, 26 June 2026 – Sunday, 28 June 2026: **Scot-t fest** (JGU Mainz)

This year's GO project includes a week of interdisciplinary academic talks about the connection between “Heimat” (home), migration and climate change at Johannes

Gutenberg University Mainz and a second week of collaborative project work with students from schools in Ahrweiler. The project will end with the Scot-t Fest during which you will have the opportunity to showcase your individual group projects.

The project's main language will be English, so all students can apply, whether they know German or not. However, you will have many chances to speak and thus practice your German if you want.

For your participation you can earn 3 ECTS and a Global Citizenship Award!

For **international students**, the participation fee is expected to be about 350 € at most. We will keep the fee as low as possible, but the exact amount is ultimately determined by the number of participants and the resulting costs during our project. The fee covers the language course, lectures at JGU, a cultural programme in Mainz and Ahrweiler, as well as accommodation (starting Sunday, 14 June) and travel during the two weeks of the project.

Please note that travel to and from Mainz as well as accommodation in Mainz during the optional language course is not covered by the project fee and must be organised and paid for by the participants themselves!

Of course, we will support you in finding affordable accommodation.

The payment of the project fee will be split into two instalments. The first payment of 100 € is expected in advance to confirm your participation, while the second one will be due after the completion of the project (we will also ask you to get the "Deutschlandticket" for the month of June for unlimited travel with public transport – the cost for this is already calculated into the expected fee).

For **JGU/German students**, the participation fee is 45 € and includes lectures at JGU, a cultural programme in Mainz and Ahrweiler, as well travel during the two weeks of the project and accommodation in Ahrweiler.

We highly recommend checking with your university's international office for possible funding for your participation in the summer school. For participants from the EU (Ireland and Latvia) this will likely be an Erasmus+ funding (Blended Intensive Programme). In the UK, you might be able to get funded via the Turing Scheme.

If you have any questions about your participation in or application for 2026 GO Heimat, please join our optional "GO Heimat Q&A" on Tuesday, 3 February 2026 on MS-Teams. In case you have any questions and can't make it on 3 February, please contact us via scothub@uni.mainz.de.

Please apply until Monday, 16 February 2026 using the form available online or attached to this email and send it to us via scothub@uni.mainz.de.