



## **FAQ for interested lecturers**

### **What is the Teaching Synergies Program (TSP) and what opportunities does it provide?**

In the course of the Teaching Synergies Program, (junior-)scientists from non-university research institutions of the DRESDEN-concept network are integrated into research-oriented teaching at TU Dresden and can participate in an accompanying qualification program. The qualification program consists of the following three elements (which can be completed individually, successively or in parallel, depending on individual needs and framework conditions):

- Teaching (in Higher Education- Basics)
- Synergies (through research-oriented teaching)
- Program (for advanced teaching and career opportunities).

If you complete a certain number of work units (90 AE) in the TEACHING and SYNERGIES elements, you will receive the Research-Oriented Teaching Certificate. If you are unable to participate in the full program, you will be issued a certificate of participation.

### **What advantages does the TSP offer to lecturers at TU Dresden?**

- Possibility of qualification within the framework of a recognized didactics for teaching in higher education in the field of research-oriented learning and teaching.
- Orientation to and possible inclusion of further research and work contexts in the DRESDEN-concept network
- Networking with scientists from non-university research institutions in research-oriented teaching contexts
- Integration of additional subject-specific and didactic expertise
- Generation of ideas and stimulation for further teaching and research cooperations with DRESDEN-concept institutions

### **How long does the entire qualification program take?**

Only SYNERGIES requires a certain amount of time in a semester due to teaching a course. It is possible to complete all three elements within one year. We recommend however, that you take as much time as you need.

### **Can I as a lecturer of TU Dresden also participate in the qualification program?**

Of course you can participate in the qualification program and receive a certificate, just like the scientists of DRESDEN-concept.



### **How can I find a tandem partner for the implementation of a joint course?**

If you as a lecturer of TU Dresden already have contacts to scientists of a research institution of the DRESDEN-concept network, we recommend to contact them directly regarding a possible participation in the course. If this is not the case, we will gladly support you in finding suitable scientists. The best way to do this is to contact us directly.

### **Which departments need to be informed about a possible teaching cooperation?**

After an initial agreement on the teaching tandem, we will inform the relevant departments and persons responsible in the further course of the project. Since we are striving to integrate the TSP into curricular offerings, the usual teaching organizational procedures and committee paths at TU Dresden must be respected.

### **Does the participation of another person in a course affect my teaching load?**

No, the participation of another lecturer from a non-university research institution in a course within the framework of the TSP does not have a negative impact on your teaching load. This is because the Saxon Regulations on Teaching Duties at Universities (Sächsische Dienstaufgabenvorschrift an Hochschulen, DAVOHS § 6) offer the possibility of crediting cooperative teaching in which two (or more) persons are involved across universities on a regular basis and in accordance with the respective workload.

### **What happens if I cannot participate in all mandatory parts of the qualification program?**

Overall, you should have completed at least 80% of the mandatory parts of the qualification program. However, we will be happy to discuss with you to find individual solutions if this is not possible. Otherwise, you can obtain proof of participation in the services rendered.

### **Is participation in the TSP provided as part of my regular teaching duties?**

Yes.

### **Is it possible to have the Research-Oriented Teaching Certificate recognized as part of the Saxon Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education?**

We are currently coordinating this with the office of the Centre for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Saxony.