

## Application Guidelines Multimodal Projects Prize 2026 in collaboration with Stadtlabor for Multimodal Anthropology

### What is this?

The Georg-Simmel Center for Urban Studies and Stadtlabor for Multimodal Anthropology, HU Berlin invites HU students at all levels – BA, MA and PhD – to apply for the prize for the best Multimodal Project addressing urban spaces, transformations and/or related matters with a **prize money of 1000€**.

In recent years, there has been a proliferation of experiments, devices and platforms of multimodal ethnographic practices involving not just different media, but also – and most importantly – a multiplicity of epistemic, affective and political modes for engaging with urban actors. Many of these projects involve participatory, experimental, and collaborative formats that aim to go beyond writing and reading as privileged and exclusive modes of knowledge production. They include games, podcasts, sound installations, interactive websites, comics, public exhibits, walking itineraries, film, photography, and other research artefacts.

With this Multimodal Project Fund, we aim to foster projects in urban studies that feature more-than-textual research or public engagement and intervention formats, in a wide variety of products and in diverse genres of expression.

### Who can apply?

The Fund is open for individuals and inter- and transdisciplinary groups. For group applications, at least one member must be a registered student at HU Berlin at the time of application, at any level (BA, MA and PhD).

It is expected that the awarded project would be ready to be presented at an event hosted by the **GSZ**.

### How to apply?

Your application should include:

- Project Title
- List of Applicants including affiliation
- Brief description of the project (Max. 500 words), in which you explain the topic, the envisioned multimodal project, as well as reflection on why the specific multimodal format or genre is relevant for your topic or field. You can include images or sketches.

Your application must be submitted electronically in either German or English. All application documents must be saved in **one PDF document**. The PDF must be sent to the GSZ coordinator: [henrik.schultze@hu-berlin.de](mailto:henrik.schultze@hu-berlin.de)

We will confirm the reception of your application documents. The application deadline is **31st March 2026**.