

FORMAT for CASE COLLECTION (WP2)

SECTION 1 (cover page): Introduction (in English)

Name of the Case

The Global Young Faculty

Abstract

The Global Young Faculty is an initiative of Stiftung Mercator in cooperation with the University Alliance Ruhr and is coordinated by the Mercator Research Centre Ruhr in Essen. The program brings together outstanding and dedicated young researchers from universities and non-university research institutions based in the Ruhr area. It supports them in their efforts to forge new professional contacts and share ideas beyond institutional and disciplinary borders. In the fifth round of the Global Young Faculty, young researchers connect with young professionals from companies within the Ruhr area. This cooperation is additionally supported by the Initiativkreis Ruhr.

Website

<http://global-young-faculty.de/>

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SECTION 2: Case description

The Global Young Faculty

Objectives

The Ruhr metropolitan area is characterized by a great variety and multitude of research institutions. The Global Young Faculty provides a platform for outstanding and dedicated young scholars from the region to meet and get to know one another, to work on interdisciplinary projects and to receive new stimuli for their own academic research. The goal of this network is to support promising young researchers in their future careers and to offer them an opportunity to work with leading experts from Germany and abroad.

Clients, audience

Postdoctoral researchers from universities and non-university researchers

Position along the SI Spiral

- Deliver & implement

Relationship with HEI(s) (High Education Institutions)

- The HEIs gave their young professionals into the project to get in touch with other young professionals to identify societal needs, create working groups and discuss on potential solutions
- The interdisciplinary view of the professionals enables a differentiated discussion of socially relevant topics. HEIs benefit from new impulses the professionals gain during the project as well as the network the professionals build.

Finance model and resources

Global young faculty is funded by the Stiftung Mercator and is coordinated by the Mercator Research Center Ruhr (MERCUR).

Methodology

<http://global-young-faculty.de/die-global-young-faculty-in-3-minuten/>

A small film which describes perfectly what they are doing and how.

The Global Young Faculty brings together approximately 50 young academics selected from universities and non-university research institutions based in the Ruhr area. The program enables them to work autonomously in interdisciplinary groups and allows them to choose the subject and format of their work. It supports scholars in their efforts to forge new professional contacts and share ideas beyond institutional and disciplinary borders. This exchange of ideas offers new scope for the development of innovative approaches to research and for discussion of the societal implications of scientific activities. In the fifth round of the Global Young Faculty, young researchers connect with young professionals from companies within the Ruhr area. This cooperation is additionally supported by the Initiativkreis Ruhr.

The Global Young Faculty network is an initiative of Stiftung Mercator in cooperation with the University Alliance Ruhr (UA RUHR), which comprises the universities of Bochum, Dortmund and Duisburg-Essen. The Global Young Faculty is coordinated by the Mercator Research Centre Ruhr (MERCUR) in Essen.

Products, results

Actual Working groups with the following topics:

- Metropole in Bewegung: sustainable mobility in the Ruhr area
- Walking in someone else´s shoes: experiences of disadvantaged people
- Entdecke dein RuhrPot(t)ential: activation of potential in the Ruhr area
- Fake or Fact – Mehr(ere) Wahrheiten in den Medien: developing an app about the credibility of the media
- Spaces of dignity: the effect of spaces on dignity

Impact and results

Evaluation of Global Young Faculty IV

http://global-young-faculty.de/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Evaluation_GlobalYoungFacultyIV_Gesamt_Kurzversion.pdf

Overall impact

Supporting young researchers from universities and non-university institutions based in the Ruhr area in the efforts to forge new professional contacts and share ideas beyond institutional and interdisciplinary borders.

Images



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<http://global-young-faculty.de/initiative/nominierungsberechtigte-institutionen/>