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JGU's Response to the Impact of the War in Ukraine

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JGU's Executive University Board is very concerned about the situation in Ukraine and condemns the attack on the country, which is in breach of international law. We are especially concerned about the people connected to our institution through academic and scientific partnerships. We intend to offer our full support to the involved students and academics. This is especially applicable for persons who are in danger in or have fled Ukraine. The support measures can be found here: Help for Ukraine | JGU International (<https://www.international-office.uni-mainz.de/help-for-ukraine/>) The page is updated regularly.

In view of Russia's actions, the German Research Foundation (DFG) has decided to suspend joint research projects between Russia and Germany (https://www.dfg.de/en/service/press/press_releases/2022/press_release_no_01/index.html). Additionally, we are required to implement the sanctions put in place by the European Commission and the German Federal Government. This concerns the export of certain goods or technologies which fall under dual-use regulations. Due to this, JGU's Executive University Board views it as necessary to prohibit the use of academic and scientific infrastructure for Russian institutions and researchers who reside in Russia. We share the DFG's position by also suspending the transfer of financial resources with immediate effect. We will not enter into new collaborative agreements with Russian institutions at this time. Active, already existing collaborative agreements are to suspend their activities until further notice, in case they are not hindered by the current war already.

Many Russian scientists and academics have positioned themselves in opposition to the war in Ukraine despite major repression. In light of this, JGU's Executive University Board would like to emphasize that contact to Russian academics and scientists still remains an option in individual cases, as far as the current situation even allows such contact.

We explicitly point out that Russian students, academics, and scientists who live here, are conducting a research stay in Mainz, or are employed by JGU are exempted from sanctions. Relevant scholarships or grants will be financed further.

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We commend the DFG, the DAAD and other research organizations for offering funding options to quickly integrate refugees from affected regions into the German research landscape. We as JGU will do everything we can in order to accept those who want to study and work with us.

JGU strives to balance sending a clear signal to the Russian regime in cooperation with the Germany-wide sanctions on the one hand and maintaining a dialogue on a personal level between researchers, students, and partnership representatives on the other. Public events such as workshops, conferences, or summer schools with Russian colleagues are to be avoided until further notice.

By implementing these restrictions, the Executive University Board is acting in accord with the current DAAD guidelines.