United across borders – this is how we will overcome the coronavirus pandemic. It is the same approach that we pursue to address the other major challenges of our time, in particular climate change. We aim to strengthen our societies and economies while meeting our climate goals, preserving the environment, and protecting natural resources. We need to work together at a global level to find sustainable ways to emerge from this crisis and to develop innovative solutions for the challenges of our time. Science and innovation are key drivers for sustainable development.

Every year, the Green Talents Competition of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research brings together outstanding young minds who contribute to a more sustainable future with their work and research. I would like to encourage up-and-coming researchers to take part and play an active role in shaping our future. We invite young people from every continent and every discipline to apply. Share your ideas with us, exchange views and experiences with other committed researchers, and explore the German research landscape. The world needs you now more than ever.

Anja Karliczek  
Member of the German Bundestag | Federal Minister of Education and Research

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Are you a promising scientist with innovative ideas and a strong focus on sustainable development?  
Does your research have the potential to help make the world a more sustainable place?  
Are you ready to collaborate with German experts and contribute to sustainability research in Germany?  
We challenge you to convince our high-ranking expert jury and become one of the 25 Green Talents of 2021!

THE JURY

Anne-Kathrin Kuhlemann  
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THIS YEAR’S PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

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- German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv)  
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)  
- Leuphana University Lüneburg

- RITTEC Umwelttechnik GmbH  
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THE AWARD

VIRTUAL SCIENCE FORUM
Gain exclusive access to some of Germany’s sustainability hot spots at the Virtual Science Forum in October 2021! During this multi-day event, you will receive insights into ground-breaking research and projects, learn about Germany’s scientific landscape, and start a conversation with some of the country’s leading sustainability researchers and experts.

RESEARCH STAY IN 2022
Take your research and career to another level during a fully funded research stay in Germany in 2022. Spend up to three months at a German institution of your choice. Gain new experiences in an inspiring environment and advance your professional career while establishing long-lasting relationships.

INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS
Green Talents can open doors to Germany’s leading scientific community. As part of the Green Talents Virtual Science Forum, you will meet German experts and researchers of your own choice during individual appointments. Meet up for virtual one-on-one conversations with prestigious experts, get valuable feedback on your research, and lay the foundation for future networking and collaborations!

GREEN TALENTS NETWORK
Become part of the unique global Green Talents network consisting of 282 outstanding young minds from 72 countries. Our active alumni network covers the full spectrum of sustainability science and will help you exchange ideas with peers and find new project partners.

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REQUIREMENTS
• Enrolment in a Master’s or PhD programme or a degree (Master’s/PhD) completed no more than three years before the end of the application process
• Strong focus on sustainable development and an interdisciplinary approach
• No more than three years of professional work experience (this excludes professional work experiences gained within the scope of an academic degree)
• Proven excellent command of English
• Significantly above-average grades
• Not a German citizen nor a resident of Germany

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