

**Call for proposals for the central teaching award at Freie Universität Berlin
in the field of interdisciplinary research-oriented teaching**

Teaching Award 2015: „research-oriented & sustainable“

The prize will be awarded to outstanding and innovative teaching proposals in the field of interdisciplinary and research-oriented teaching. The proposals should correspond to the guiding principles of the institutional strategy:

- **Veritas:** Commitment to high methodological standards and good academic practice
- **Iustitia:** Support and promotion of potential regardless of social, religious, or cultural origin or gender
- **Libertas:** Support of autonomy and self-guidance in the student learning process

1. Objectives

The central teaching award of Freie Universität Berlin is part of the concept for research-oriented teaching (FoL) in the context of the institutional strategy. The teaching award will honor teaching projects that integrate interdisciplinary top-level research into university teaching.

It is the objective of this award to express esteem for outstanding commitment in the field of research-oriented teaching. Further, the award is meant to encourage the development of innovative teaching concepts and formats, which will help to implement the central objectives of the institutional strategy of Freie Universität Berlin in the field of teaching.

The teaching award is being announced with a focus on sustainability. It will be awarded to project proposals that focus explicitly on sustainability or that integrate findings of sustainability-oriented top-level research into teaching. Innovative teaching formats and forms of work should be taken into account as well.

2. Target groups, criteria and application documents

Teachers and students from all departments are eligible for the submission of research-oriented teaching projects. The submission of already completed projects is permissible only if the prize money would enable a continuation of the teaching project.

The teaching project should amount to 2 – 4 SWS and offer a contribution to the further development of innovative teaching formats in the field of research-oriented teaching. Applications (5 pages) from both teachers and students should contain the following information:

- Description of the research-oriented, interdisciplinary topic of the proposed teaching projects and its link to the focus on sustainability (content, didactics, target groups etc.)
- Teaching format, teaching method(s) of the project as well as proposed form(s) of work
- Learning objective/ competency acquisition
- Proposed cooperation(s)
- Integration into the existing range of courses
- Short CV of the applicants (attachment)

The application should contain a confirmation of the feasibility of the proposal by the respective department. The award is meant to support the submitted project proposal with resources for the invitation of guest speakers, for the acquisition of teaching materials, for the implementation of tutorials and the hiring of student assistants, for excursions (e.g. conferences), the development of virtual teaching environments, and the like. Applicants should specify how they plan to make use of the resources.

During the winter semester 2015/16, the prize will be awarded for the realization of the proposal/project during the summer semester 2016. The prize money amounts to 10.000 euros. The prize may be divided.

Applications are to be submitted electronically to the Division International Network University by **12th October 2015**:

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The decision on incoming proposals will be made by a university selection committee at the end of this year.

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