

## The Berlin State Teaching Prize 2025/2026 – Overview

Prizes may only be awarded for courses that have been taught in the past two years. Each state university in Berlin may submit four official nominees for consideration. The initial round of applications takes place internally and is being organized by the Dahlem Center for Academic Teaching (DCAT) at Freie Universität

### Prize Categories

- Award for teaching that imparts **fundamental knowledge** and skills (15,000 euros)
- Award for teaching that promotes the **application, transfer, or consolidation** of knowledge and skills (15,000 euros)
- Award for teaching that promotes **independent learning, student-generated knowledge**, or (artistic) interpretations of knowledge and skills (15,000 euros)
- Award for students in teaching roles (e.g. **student tutors**) (10,000 euros)

and

- People's choice award, chosen from the short list of all nominees (5,000 euros)
- Award for teaching at a private university (honorable mention)

### Selection Criteria

- Quality of teaching methods
- Student-centered education

and

- Degree of innovation and potential to be applied elsewhere (transfer)

### Nomination and Selection Process

- Deadline for submitting nominations: November 30, 2025
- Deadline for submitting applications: January 4, 2026
- The jury at Freie Universität, appointed by the Teaching Committee (*Kommission für Lehrangelegenheiten*, KfL), creates a short list of 4 official nominees to be put forward for the prize
- Short list is submitted to the State of Berlin by March 31, 2026
- The jury appointed by the State of Berlin carries out the final evaluation and selects the prizewinners
- Prize ceremony at the Berliner Hochschule für Technik (BHT) on July 1, 2026

More information and contact details: Dahlem Center for Academic Teaching (DCAT) <https://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/dcat/Lehrpreis/index.html>

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<https://www.berlin.de/sen/wissenschaft/lehrpreis>