

Call for proposals for the central Teaching Award of Freie Universität Berlin
in the field of interdisciplinary research-oriented teaching
awarded as part of the institutional strategy
“VERITAS IUSTITIA LIBERTAS – International Network University“

Teaching Award 2016: “Research-Oriented & Digital“

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. [Link Teaching Award: <http://www.fu-berlin.de/lehrpreis>].

The teaching award 2016 is being announced with a focus on digitalization. It will be awarded to project proposals that focus explicitly on digitalization or that integrate findings of digitalization-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.

Projects may be related, for example, to technical and industrial aspects of digitalization (e.g. mobility, digital management tools, smart technologies), to social and health-related issues (e.g. digital media communication, smart cities, e-health) or within the context of digital humanities (e.g. digital

knowledge cultures, virtual museums), of legal aspects regarding digitalization (e.g. copyright), or topics like big data challenges. Projects may also be concerned with the digitalization of teaching itself (eg. research into the technological and didactic aspects of e-learning or the development of e-tools).

In order for a proposal to be considered, it is essential that the focal point of this year's Teaching Award, digitalization, is a core feature of the course syllabus. Proposals should ideally include technology-based, self-directed learning procedures in order to cater to the growing diversity of the student body.

Both teachers and students can submit a research-orientated teaching proposal of between 2 – 4 weekly teaching hours per semester. Proposals should contain the following information:

- Description of the research-oriented, interdisciplinary topic of the proposed course and its link to the focus on digitalization (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. It should also state how applicants plan to use the 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 2016/17, the prize will be awarded for the **realization of the proposal/project** during the summer semester 2017. 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 **17th October 2016**:
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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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