

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 2018: “Research-oriented with social responsibility”

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

- **Veritas:** Commitment to high methodological standards and good academic practice
- **Justitia:** 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 university’s research-oriented teaching concept (FoL) in the institutional strategy. The award honors teaching projects that integrate top-level interdisciplinary research into university teaching.

The Central Teaching Award is an expression of esteem for outstanding commitment in the field of research-oriented teaching. It was introduced to encourage innovative course plans and formats that convey the values of Freie Universität’s institutional strategy in the field of teaching. [Link Teaching Award: <http://www.fu-berlin.de/lehrpreis>].

The Central Teaching Award 2018 focuses on **social responsibility**. Proposals are invited for course plans pertaining to the direct effects of science and research on social and global issues. Involvement of external viewpoints e.g. through independent research institutes, cultural institutions or NGOs, is encouraged. Innovative teaching formats and forms of work should also be considered.

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 complex current challenges such as migration and integration (e.g. education and career, cultural and leisure activities, lifestyle and religion), digitalization of work and life (e.g. technical or legal aspects) and sustainability and environmental protection (e.g. mobility, renewable energy or sustainable production processes). The project should promote a scientific approach to the above topics and show how focused research can contribute to the solution of these problems. Alternative topics providing students with the opportunity to experience the role of universities as a driver of societal change beyond academia and research are welcome.

In order to be considered, “research-oriented with social responsibility”, must be core features of the proposed course syllabus. Ideally, the courses should involve practical examples and experiences from researchers for projects or activities that demonstrate social responsibility.

Both teachers and students can submit a research-orientated teaching proposal of between 2-4 teaching hours per week, 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 social responsibility (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 collaboration(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 2018/2019, the prize will be awarded for the **realization of the proposal/project** during the summer semester 2019. The prize money amounts to 10.000 euros. The prize may be divided up between more than one prize winner.

Applications are to be submitted electronically to the International Network University Division by **July 27<sup>th</sup> 2018**:

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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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