

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

Teaching Award 2014: „research-oriented & regional“

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 regional partnerships**. It will be awarded to project proposals that incorporate members of partner institutions from the Berlin-Brandenburg research hub, particularly from the Berlin-Dahlem Research Campus, or that integrate findings of regional, cooperative top-level research into teaching. 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

During winter semester 2014/15 the prize will be awarded for the **realization of the proposal during summer semester 2015**.

The prize money amounts to 10.000 euros. The prize may be divided.

2. Criteria

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

- Veritas: Commitment to high methodological standards and good academic practice
- Iustitia: Support and promotion of potentialities without a consideration of social, religious, or cultural origin or gender
- Libertas: Support of autonomy and self-monitoring in the student learning process

The teaching proposals should offer a (theoretical and practical) contribution to the development of research-oriented teaching at Freie Universität Berlin.

3. Application

The award is addressed to teaching projects that could be implemented or supported with the help of the prize money. The submission of already completed projects is permissible only if the prize money would enable a continuation of the teaching project.

Teachers and students are eligible for the submission of research-oriented teaching projects. 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 conjunction with the focus of the respective announcement
- Format and teaching method(s) of the project
- Learning objective/ competency acquisition
- Proposed form(s) of work
- Proposed cooperation(s)
- Integration into the course offer of the existing degree courses
- Short CV

The application should contain a confirmation of the feasibility of the proposal by the respective department.

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 are to be submitted electronically to the Division International Network University by **15th October 2014**:

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The decision on incoming proposals will be made by a university selection commission in October 2014.

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