

**Call for Proposals for the Teaching Award of Freie Universität Berlin
in Research-oriented Teaching**

Teaching Award 2013: “Research-oriented & International”

1. Objectives

The Teaching Award of Freie Universität Berlin is part of the concept for research-oriented teaching (*Forschungsorientierte Lehre, FoL*) in the context of the institutional strategy. The Teaching Award aims to support teaching projects that integrate interdisciplinary top-level research into university teaching.

It is the objective of this award to recognize 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 development strategy of Freie Universität Berlin in the field of teaching.

The 2013 Teaching Award **focuses on internationalization**. It will be awarded to project proposals that exhibit an international orientation, that incorporate international partners, or that integrate the findings of international top-level research into teaching. The award is meant to support the submitted project proposal with resources for the invitation of guest speakers (e.g., international top-level researchers), 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.

The projects will be selected during the 2013/14 winter semester for **implementation during the 2014 summer semester**.

The grant money amounts to 10,000 euros. In some cases several proposals may be selected to share the award.

2. Criteria

The grant will be awarded to outstanding and innovative teaching proposals in the area 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 potential without regard to social, religious, or cultural origin or gender
- Libertas: Support of autonomy and self-monitoring in the student learning process

The proposed teaching projects should contribute (theoretically and practically) 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 grant money. The submission of already completed projects is permissible only if the grant money would enable a continuation of the teaching project.

Both teachers and students are eligible for the submission of research-oriented teaching projects. Applications (5 pages) from teachers and students should contain the following information:

- Description of the research-oriented, interdisciplinary topic of the proposed teaching projects and its relation to the respective focus of the call for proposals
- Format and teaching method(s) of the project
- Learning objective/ competency acquisition
- Proposed form(s) of work
- Proposed cooperation
- Integration into the courses offered in the existing degree programs
- 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 (hours per week)** 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 **November 18, 2013:**

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The decision on incoming proposals will be made by a university selection commission in December 2013.

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