



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service

Fundamental Academic Values Award

Award for Early Career Scientists in the European Higher Education Area

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) announces a call for submissions for the “Fundamental Academic Values Award”. The award is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). By awarding three prizes for research publications, the DAAD aims to contribute to the advocacy of fundamental academic values, to promote important research in this area and to further stimulate the discussion about these values.

Background

Fundamental academic values such as academic freedom and integrity, institutional autonomy, participation of students and staff in higher education governance and public responsibility for and of higher education have accompanied the Bologna Process since its very beginning and are playing an increasingly important role in higher education policy debates. Hence, the [Rome Ministerial Communiqué](#) puts particular emphasis on the protection of “fundamental values of higher education and democracy and the rule of law”. The reference to fundamental values is also in line with the European Commission’s strong commitment to this topic and supported by the new Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027. In addition, the role of universities for democratic societies and the education of critical thinking is more strongly addressed.

Within the framework of the DAAD project [bologna hub](#), we cordially invite you to submit your application for the “Fundamental Academic Values Award”.

Criteria for participation

The call for submissions addresses early career scientists¹ of all academic fields, who have made an outstanding scientific contribution towards the preservation and advocacy of fundamental academic values in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

Candidates must have at least one outstanding publication on fundamental academic values. In case they have more than one publication on the topic, they will have to indicate one specific publication with which they enter the selection process for the award.

The submitted publication must have been written and published in the academic career phase starting with the completion of the master’s thesis and including the postdoctoral career stage until five years after completing the PhD. At the time of the deadline the relevant publication should not be older than four years.

¹ admissible candidates are graduates holding a master’s degree, doctoral candidates and postdocs (whose completion of the PhD should not date back more than 5 years)

Documents needed for submission:

- a freely-worded **letter of motivation** (400-1,000 words) that explains the candidate's academic interest to preserve or advocate fundamental academic values in the EHEA. The letter of motivation must be written in English.
- an **abstract** of the submitted publication (in **English**, max. 400 words) with an indication of keywords. The abstract must enable the allocation to a specific subject area and be suitable as preliminary information for potential reviewers.
- **the original publication** that is relevant for the call for submission. It must state the publisher, the year of publication, exact page numbers and include a table of contents (if applicable).

Any type of publication is formally permissible (e.g. articles in journals, conference proceedings, book chapters, anthology articles, entire thesis/book, etc.). The jury may take the publication type and its scientific reputation (e.g. peer-reviewed journals) into account in the evaluation process.

If the publication is written in a language other than English, a **longer summary** must be included (up to 2,000 words). The same requirement applies to publications that extend beyond 20 pages (e.g. published thesis/book, longer paper or book chapter). For publications with less than 20 pages, no such additional summary is required, unless it is published in a language other than English (see above).

The longer summary of approx. 2,000 words is not to be confused with the 400-word abstract of the submitted publication. The former will only be necessary in those cases mentioned above, while the latter is mandatory for all applicants.

- **CV** without chronological gaps and in tabular form (please specify the month and duration of study, research and/or work periods (e.g., MM / YY - MM / YY).
- **list of publications** with complete bibliographical information (including the first and last page number). Please include electronic links if available.

Deadline for submission: 31 August 2022 (12:00 am midnight, CEST)

Until **31 August 2022, 12:00 am, midnight CEST** the candidate must **register via our [online tool](#) and upload the above-mentioned documents as pdf files.**

Due to the applicable regulations of handling sensitive personal data this method is obligatory. Applications and documents that are sent to us on other ways are not eligible.

Jury and selection

A jury of academics with expertise in the field of fundamental academic values will select three award recipients in autumn 2022. Selection criteria are the quality and relevance of the research publication and the scientific achievements of the candidate (in consideration of her/his career status).

The award's objective is to encourage the candidates to continue with the academic commitment in the preservation and advocacy of fundamental academic values in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

Award

The award is sponsored by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The three awardees will receive a prize money of **7,000, 6,000 and 5,000** euros. Additionally, they will be invited to present the paper/thesis during a DAAD conference. The exact date will be announced in due time. Travel and accommodation costs for this purpose will be covered by DAAD.

Award Announcement

The awardees will be informed in autumn 2022 at the latest. The name of the awardees and a summary of the publication will be published on our websites www.eu.daad.de and www.daad.de as well as in additional public relation activities.

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