

Bernese Award for Environmental Research

INFORMATION SHEET ON THE 2017 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



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The award

The Bernese Award for Environmental Research aims to promote disciplinary and interdisciplinary research in environmental sciences/sustainability at the University of Bern. The 2017 award is made possible by the financial support of *CSL Behring AG* and *Energie Wasser Bern*.

The award, granted every two years, targets researchers whose work makes *a relevant contribution to society or lays the foundations for a better understanding of environmental and sustainability problems and their solutions*. Applications from all disciplines and fields of science are accepted. The prize aims particularly at young researchers.

Prize money

The prize money in 2017 totals CHF 15,000. The Committee may, within its financial means, grant additional recognition awards.

Application

The papers must be nominated by postdoctoral researchers who themselves were not involved as authors. A nomination must be made **electronically** (.pdf), and comprises:

- The nominated paper
- A review of the research, by the nominator or a third party, containing a rationale for the nomination
- The nominee's CV, including a list of publications

Please note the following points:

- The award may be granted to one or more persons, whereby at least one significant contributor to the work must be a past or present researcher with the University of Bern. We also welcome contributions based on a collaboration with the University of Bern and other research institutions.
- In the case of co-authorship, the individual contribution(s) of the nominee(s) must be clearly identified in the review accompanying the nomination.
- Papers accepted must either have been published, or accepted for publication. The publication date of published papers may not be older than two years before the nomination deadline.
- Papers are accepted in an official language of the Canton of Bern (German or French), or in English.
- If a member of the Committee has been involved in the paper (e.g. as co-author or supervisor), this must be clearly stated; the concerned Committee member shall not participate in the evaluation of this particular paper.
- The Committee reserves the right to create and make publicly available a list of all submitted papers and summaries thereof.

Timeline

- Submission of applications: Nominations for 2017 are to include the documents as outlined above and sent by 4 January 2017, **electronically**, to: umweltforschungspreis@cde.unibe.ch. If the file size is too large to send by e-mail, a CD may be sent to the Committee Secretariat (Kommission für den Berner Umweltforschungspreis, c/o CDE, Hallerstrasse 10, 3012 Bern). Both nominator and nominee will receive a confirmation of receipt.
- Award: The main prize as well as any recognition prizes will be granted at the *Dies academicus* at the University of Bern in December 2017.
- Public event: The award winners will present their research at a public event during the Spring semester 2018.

Procedure

The Committee of the Bernese Award for Environmental Research is responsible for all issues related to the award. In particular, it lays down the procedures for submission and assessment, and evaluates the submitted work. The Committee may consult external experts for the assessment and evaluation of the works. The Committee's decision is final and there is no right of appeal.

Award Committee

President: Prof. Joachim Frey. Faculty members: Dr. Thomas Breu (Direktor des CDE), Silvan Brügger (Delegierter der StudentInnenschaft), Prof. Matthias Egger, Prof. Axel Franzen, Prof. Aandreas Lienhard, Prof. Silvia Schroer, Prof. Helmut Segner, Prof. Heinz Veit, Prof. Doris Wastl-Walter (Vizerektorin Qualität), Dr. Stefan Wunderle (Delegierter des Mittelbaus), Prof. Heinzpeter Znoj. Non-faculty members: Prof. Christoph Kempf (CSL Behring AG), Dr. Walter Schaad (Energie Wasser Bern). Committee secretariat: Tamara da Silva, Melchior Nussbaumer (CDE).

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