



Internationalization Award 2024

A measure within the framework of the Excellence Strategy

The international orientation of our university as a prerequisite for excellent research and teaching represents a significant key component on TU Dresden's path to becoming a global university of the 21st century. But what would a university be without the people who study and work, teach and research there? Internationalization in particular needs committed people who stand up and dedicate themselves to cosmopolitanism, a culture of welcome, an international campus but also the extension of innovative international research cooperations.

Objectives of the Award

The internationalization award 2024 wants to honor the people and initiatives at the TU Dresden who make a valuable and sustainable contribution to the internationalization of our university. This year, we would like to honor projects in the following categories:

I. International Campus and Community

Staff, researchers and students at our university are involved in a variety of different initiatives that contribute to a sense of community, for example in dance classes, political debates, introductory events and also in buddy programs that bring international students and locals together. The boundaries between students, faculty and researchers disappear as the common desire to create an intercultural, safe and welcoming environment unites everyone.

II. Innovative International Research Cooperation

Research is an essential pillar of science and it is not uncommon for scientists to pool their resources on an international level in order to achieve the best possible results. International cooperation can be organized in different ways and increasingly helps to address the challenges of the 21st century on a global scale. We are looking for best practice examples and role models for international research collaborations that may even have led to groundbreaking results.



III. **Social Responsibility and Global Impact**

We are living in a time and world where the social divide between rich and poor and those in secure and those in precarious living circumstances is increasing and causing disruption. Ethical questions about the relationship between humankind and our planet are raised and people strive for an answer. What all these issues have in common is that they cannot be solved by individuals alone but need a critical mass on a global level to be successful. In this category we are looking for people and projects at the TU Dresden that address the social issues of our time.

IV. **Exceptional Engagement & Empowerment**

Internationalization always requires personal commitment. People who serve as role models by challenging stereotypes and inspiring others with their open and positive thinking are eligible for this category. They empower others by supporting the less privileged and giving them a voice in our community.

You don't know whether your project or initiative is eligible for the award? You are welcome to contact us and we will elaborate whether your project fits this year's call for application together.

Who can apply?

All members of TU Dresden are eligible to apply for funding, even if they apply on behalf of a group, a joint activity or initiative, as well as the StuRa, student councils and university groups.

Only existing projects, measures, initiatives and other activities that have a clear benefit for the further development of internationalization at our university can be considered for the award. Newly planned projects and activities that are not yet established are not the subject of this call for entries.

How to apply?

Please submit applications in electronic form, using the indicated application form and any attachments, to **internationalisierung.exu@tu-dresden.de** by **June 30th 2024**.



The following **criteria** are relevant for the selection decision:

- The activity / project is presented in a coherent and comprehensible manner.
- The goals / benefits of the activity are specific and clearly identifiable.
- The activity does not follow a purely personal interest but makes a sustainable and lasting contribution to the internationalization of the TU Dresden.
- The content of the activity can be assigned to at least one field of action of internationalization. The reference to the central internationalization strategy or decentralized strategies is made clear.
- The activity is interdisciplinary in nature and offers the potential for extension (e.g., inclusion of other initiatives, partnership extension, networking).

A selection committee will evaluate the applications in accordance with the criteria and conditions set out above. The **winners of the award** will be announced during the award ceremony in October 2024. Incomplete or delayed applications cannot be considered. Please note that there is no entitlement to funding.

How can the prize money be used?

A total sum of 6.000€ is available for the winners and will be split between the categories. The measure is funded by the Federal and State governments as part of the Excellence Strategy. The prize money can only be spent in the cost categories listed below for further measures for the purpose of internationalization in the area of activity of the award winners or central activities at TU Dresden until the end of 2025 at the latest. In the event of approval, all TU Dresden regulations and guidelines apply.

- Recruitment or continued employment of a SHK/WHK
- Travel expenses (incoming, outgoing) if the objectives pursued by the trip or invitation of guests to TU Dresden can be classified in terms of content in at least one field of action of the internationalization strategy
- Events/public relations work
- Research-related consumables



Not eligible for funding:

- Expenses not related to internationalization (e.g. cultural events, social events and related hospitality)
- Workplace equipment (IT, furniture); purchases that become part of TU Dresden's tangible assets
- Construction measures, repairs, maintenance

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