

TUD'S "E-LEARNING GEMS" COMPETITION

Goals of the competition

The E-Learning Gems Competition, which ZiLL held for the +first time in the summer of 2020, was originally intended to give visibility to e-learning content and new didactic concepts created during the Covid pandemic semesters, and to honor the commitment of teachers to good digital teaching.

This idea remains unchanged, but the focus is now fundamentally on good examples of digital or semi-digital teaching. So, we are looking for particularly successful e-learning content and approaches.

In this context, we understand digital teaching or e-learning as the design of educational activities that incorporate digital elements, used in face-to-face, online, or blended formats.

As in previous editions of the competition, the intention is to create a gallery of TUD e-learning gems to serve as inspiration and blueprints for other courses. All students and staff can then vote on which gems they like best. The winning gems in the following three categories will then be awarded prize money of EUR 2,000 each:

- Small courses
- Medium-sized courses
- Large courses

Feel free to browse through the [galleries from past years](#) for inspiration.

Submit an application

For the purposes of this competition, e-learning gems can be any digital or partially digital educational content as well as special e-learning teaching concepts developed and used at TU Dresden during the 2024/25 winter semester and the 2025 summer semester.

Nominations can be submitted **from October 24 to November 21, 2025**.

The gems can be nominated by students or other TUD members. Lecturers can also submit entries themselves.

Nominating someone else's course

Students and other members of TU Dresden can anonymously nominate courses. Nominations can be submitted using the [Nomination form for the 2025 E-Learning Gem](#).

Suggestions will be forwarded to the lecturers after nomination, who then decide whether they wish to enter their course to the competition (see next point on submitting your own courses).

Nominating your own course

All lecturers can submit one or more of their own courses to the competition. Submissions can be made via the [E-Learning OPAL course](#).

The following must be submitted:

- [Registration form](#) with details and description of the course, plus links to more information if required
- At least one compelling image for the gem gallery
- Additional images or videos as required

Voting and awards ceremony

ZiLL will publish each nominated e-learning gem in the gallery once the submission deadline closes.

From **December 8 2025 to January 7, 2026**, all students and staff of TU Dresden will be able to vote for the individual e-learning gems.

From each of the three categories mentioned above, the gem with the most votes will receive a prize of EUR 2,000. The award ceremony is planned to be held during a networking meeting on January 16, 2026.

The prize money can be used for SHK/WHK costs and material costs. Please be aware that the TUD guidelines for the use of budget funds, in particular the Procurement Guideline [D1/8/11](#), the tax treatment of goods and services [D1/4/14](#), the TUD representation and hospitality guideline [D1/3/17](#), and other [circular letters and notices](#) apply.

To give as many lecturers as possible the chance to win the competition, courses that have already won the E-Learning Gem Competition in previous years will not be able to win again.

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