Young Academics Award

The GERMAN SPORT UNIVERSITY COLOGNE is offering four **Young Academics Awards** for excellent sport scientific theses. **Graduate students** of the GSU are eligible to apply. The call is for "excellent" theses that have been finished **in 2026** and of which the evaluation is available upon submission.

A prize money of 1,000 Euros each will be awarded for:

- The Young Academics Award of the GSU for the **best Master / Master of Education thesis in the category social sciences and humanities** in the year 2026
- The Young Academics Award of the GSU for the **best Master / Master of Education thesis in the category life sciences** in the year 2026

as well as a prize money of 1,500 Euros each for

- The Young Academics Award of the GSU for the **best dissertation in the category social sciences and humanities** in the year 2026
- The Young Academics Award of the GSU for the **best dissertation in the category life sciences** in the year 2026

Applications should include the following documents:

- Copy of the thesis
- Summary of the thesis (if not yet included)
- Information about first and second reviewer
- CV
- Copy of the degree certificate, also indicating the **grade of the thesis**
- Signed declaration of data protection

Please indicate the field of your application ("social sciences and humanities" or "life sciences"), for which you would like to submit your documents. If your degree certificate has not been issued yet, you can submit a written confirmation of the examination office or the doctoral office, respectively, indicating the grade and outcome of the process.
Complete application documents should be handed in electronically (via e-mail, max. 5 MB) **as one PDF document** to the Department of Research and Scientific Qualification (forschung-dshs@dshs-koeln.de).

Please note: If the formal requirements of the call for proposals (missing signatures or documents, etc.) are not met, the application will not be accepted.

For questions, please contact Dr. Alexandra Pizzera (a.pizzera@dshs-koeln.de, Tel.: -7580).
All information can also be found on our website: https://www.dshs-koeln.de/en/research/academic-career/internal-funding-programmes/young-academics-award.

Deadline is February 14th, 2027.