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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The „Gesellschaft der Freunde und Förderer der Hochschule Schmalkalden e.V.“ (Society of Friends and Sponsors of the Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences) offers the following prizes for Bachelor's and Master's theses by students of the university on behalf of various donors:

TEAG Thüringer Energie AG - Award

For theses in the field of electrical engineering and IT sciences.

Gesellschaft der Freunde und Förderer der Hochschule Schmalkalden e.V. - Award

For theses in the field of economics and law.

Verbandes deutscher Werkzeug- und Formenbauer (VDWF e.V.) - Award

For theses in the field of mechanical engineering.

Stadt Schmalkalden - Award

For outstanding Bachelor's and Master's theses, desirable from the field of robotics.

IHK Südthüringen - Award

For theses that are created in close collaboration with a company in the South Thuringia IHK district and whose results are innovative and have a positive impact on the operational practice of southern Thuringia companies. An employment relationship in a company in southern Thuringia that existed at the time of application will be taken into account positively in the evaluation.

The prices are each

2.000,00 EUR – 2.500,00 EUR

endowed.

If the following requirements are met, the theses can be considered for the call for entries.

1. the thesis has been graded "very good" (1.5 and better)
2. the grade point average of all examination elements of the Bachelor's or Master's examination is at least 2.0
3. the last examination element of the Bachelor's or Master's examination was completed in the period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Examination elements are all examination performances and examination-relevant course performances that are used to determine the grade of the Bachelor's or Master's examination.

Students and graduates of Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences who meet the above requirements as well as professors of the university who have supervised corresponding theses are permitted to apply. Each thesis can only be nominated for **one** of the prizes.

- the application must be submitted in writing and must include proof of the application requirements..
- The application including attachments must be submitted by email **as one PDF file**.

The following attachments must be included in the application:

- a copy of the Bachelor's or Master's thesis proposed for an award
- a summary of the thesis (handout),
- the expert opinion of the professor who supervised the thesis,
- the Bachelor's or Master's degree certificate or a current transcript of records
- a CV of the author of the bachelor's or master's thesis as well
- the declaration of consent of the editor, if he/she is not the applicant

The application must be submitted by

8 May 2026

(deadline) **as one PDF file** by email to the following email address: foerderpreise@hs-schmalkalden.de.

A selection committee appointed by the Executive Board decides on the awarding of prizes. It evaluates the submitted works according to the criteria of the call for proposals and particularly takes into account their practical relevance.

The award winners will be honoured at the enrolment ceremony of Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences at the beginning of the academic year 2024/2025 or at the „Neujahrsempfang“ (New Year's Reception) of Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences, the Stadt Schmalkalden and the "Gesellschaft der Freunde und Förderer der Hochschule Schmalkalden e.V." (Society of Friends and Supporters of Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences) in January 2025.

According to Art. 5 ff. DSGVO, your data will be processed by the selection committee for the purpose of awarding the prizes. The selection committee consists of the chairperson, one professor from each faculty, two students, one staff member and up to three each representatives of the companies/institutions donating the prizes. Please note that the awards will be presented in a public and festive setting, at which the following data will be disclosed: Name of the award winner, faculty, course of study, duration of study, topic of the final paper, if applicable, company where the final paper was written, final grade. The press will be invited to the event; photos will be taken and published.