

Academic Research Awards

Research on Religious Freedom and Persecution of Christians

Religious freedom is a fundamental human right – yet it is threatened, restricted or denied in many places throughout the world. Christians in particular are exposed to discrimination, oppression and violence in many countries.

The **Academic Research Awards for Religious Freedom and Persecution of Christian** aim to honour and highlight outstanding commitment and academic excellence. The awards are presented by the Chair of Religious Freedom at the Freie Theologische Hochschule Gießen (FTH Gießen). The aim is to strengthen voices and projects that promote religious freedom and the fate of persecuted Christians in the academic debate.

Categories and prizes

Lifetime Achievement Award (endowed with €2,500)

For a person who has shown special commitment to religious freedom and/or persecuted Christians over a long period of time. Potential award winners can only be nominated by the jury appointed by the chair.

Academic Research Award (endowed with €1,000)

For outstanding scholarly work (especially in christian theology). Candidates for the award can apply directly or be nominated by the jury or may be nominated by third parties.

Examples: Academic studies (monographs, research/dissertation projects) on the subject of religious freedom/persecution of Christians.

Young Talent Award (endowed with €500)

For lesser contributions by students or junior researchers (e.g. bachelor's and master's theses). Nomination takes place on the recommendation of the jury or upon application.

Terms and conditions of participation

- Theses and projects can be submitted in German or English.
- Submissions must have been written within the last three years.

Deadlines and procedures

- Deadline for submissions: **31th Janurary of each year**
- Submission by email to: **religionsfreiheit@fthgiessen.de**
- The following must be enclosed:
 - (1) a summary description of the contribution (max. 2 pages),

- (2) full text, reviews, and
- (3) a CV.

Decisions on awards will be made by a panel of experts. Annual award ceremonies will take place at the FTH Giessen.

Contact and further information

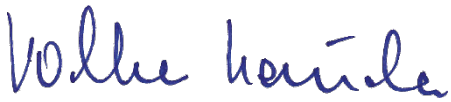
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