Call for Entries for
DKKV Promotional Award 2024

The DKKV Promotional Award has been offered annually since 2018 by the German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV) to honor current research work and best practice examples related to disaster risk reduction and disaster risk management. The prize is aimed at German- and English-language bachelor’s and master’s theses and is awarded to both the best bachelor’s and the best master’s thesis. These will be awarded with prize money of €500 (Bachelor) and €1,000 (Master) as well as a two-year membership as a Young Professional at DKKV.

The sponsorship award is given to final theses that contribute to the DKKV's vision: "Creating a resilient society through sustainable crisis and disaster risk reduction". In this context, the submitted thesis should address one or more topics mentioned in the following word cloud for the Promotional Award. This year, a special focus will be placed on operational disaster control - topics relating to emergency medical care and the role of air rescue in disaster control will be discussed in greater detail.

Please email all required documents and possible questions to: foerderpreis@dkkv.org.
Application deadline is 14th of June 2024.

Jury-Members
- Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Norbert Gebekken (University of the Federal Armed Forces Munich)
- Florian Klinner (DRF Luftrettung)
- Dr. Carolin Saltzmann (DRK)
- Prof. Dr. Peter Schmiedtchen (Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences)
- Dr. Anne Schneibel (DLR)

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Required Documents:
In addition to your thesis, we require proof that your work has already been evaluated. Possible documents are your transcript of records, your degree certificate or a confirmation from the examination office. This document is for verification in the DKKV Office and will not be passed on to the jury. In addition, please submit the following documents combined into one document:

- Cover Sheet (see template on our website)
- CV without indication of grades
- Exposé of your thesis (approx. 3,000 characters)
- Optional: letter of recommendation of your supervisor
- Affidavit

Please be sure to observe the specified content and formal requirements, which you can find on our website. The application documents can be submitted in German as well as in English.

Further information:
The submitted thesis cannot be older than two years (24 months) at the time the application period closes. The date of submission counts, which therefore may not be before 1st April 2022. Only theses that have already been submitted and finally evaluated will be accepted. You may apply for the award more than once, provided it is not the same thesis.

After the application deadline, all submitted application documents will be reviewed and evaluated by the jury. The winners are expected to be announced at the end of 2024. The framework for the award ceremony has yet to be determined.

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This year, the DKKV Promotional Award is supported by our institutional member "DRF Luftrettung". DRF Luftrettung is one of the largest air rescue organisations in Europe. The work of the non-profit organisation includes emergency rescue missions, transfer flights for critically ill or injured persons and repatriation of patients from abroad. In 2022, the organization carried out almost 40,000 missions. Want to find out more about DRF Luftrettung? Click here to go to the homepage.

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