

Call for applications

Bertha Ottenstein Prize 2025

The Bertha Ottenstein Prize of the University of Freiburg is intended to honour and support innovative projects and structural measures to promote equality and diversity, as well as outstanding achievements in the field of gender and diversity studies. The Bertha Ottenstein Prize can be awarded only to individual members, groups of members or organisational units of the University.

The Bertha Ottenstein Prize carries an award of EUR 5,000 and can be conferred for projects and academic work completed no more than two years ago. In exceptional cases, the prize can be awarded to projects at the University of Freiburg that are currently running or in development (e.g. conferences, panel events) and that can only be realised with the help of the prize money.

Due to the history of the Bertha Ottenstein Prize as a prize for the advancement of women, all submissions should explicitly incorporate gender as a dimension of diversity.

In particular, initiatives by students, researchers and/or employees in the following areas can be honoured:

- Outstanding academic achievements in the field of gender and diversity studies,
- Teaching concepts and seminars, training and further education programmes that integrate gender equality and diversity in an intersectional manner and stimulate awareness-raising processes,
- Network development, event or exhibition organisation on gender and diversity topics,
- Structural measures for promoting equality and diversity, e.g. recruitment and personnel development measures to increase the proportion of women at career stages where women are currently underrepresented, or innovative measures to improve the living, studying and working conditions at the University in terms of equality and diversity.

The measures listed above are examples and should not be considered exhaustive.

Candidates can be nominated or apply themselves. The [application form can be downloaded here](#). Nominations and applications along with relevant documents (e.g. expert assessments) should be sent by **13 April 2025** to the office of the Permanent Senate Commission on Equal Opportunity, Felix Wittenzellner: felix.wittenzellner@zv.uni-freiburg.de. Please send the completed application form as one file and all other documents bundled as a single pdf file.

The Bertha Ottenstein Prize is awarded by the University Senate on the recommendation of the Permanent Senate Commission on Equal Opportunity. The award ceremony is open to all members of the university.