

In 2026, the German Society for Tourism Research (DGT e.V.), in cooperation with its partner Studiosus Reisen, will once again present the renowned DGT Science Award at the International Tourism Exchange (ITB) in Berlin. The award honors outstanding final theses from the 2024/2025 academic year with a clear focus on tourism research. The award particularly recognizes work that engages with **transformation** and/or **sustainable development** in tourism. The concept of transformation refers to current and often profound changes in the tourism sector, triggered by technological, societal, economic, or ecological developments. Sustainable development, as a specific approach within this broader transformation, aims to shape tourism in a way that is environmentally friendly, socially just, and economically viable in the long term.

Prize categories

- **Best thesis (Bachelor level)** – honored with 500 €
- **Best thesis (Master level)** – honored with 750 €
- **Best dissertation** – honored with 1000 €

Theses completed between fall 2024 and fall 2025 can be submitted. The criteria for selecting the award winners are the scientific-theoretical aspect but also the practical relevance of the work in the field of transformation and sustainable development. A jury consisting of members from academia as well as private sector representatives under the direction of the DGT e.V. selects the award winners in a concealed review process.

Form of submission (electronic)

- A PDF-file of the whole thesis (please make sure to avoid any indications as to the identity of the author or the respective institution)
- A summary of about 150 words
- An evaluation and, if possible, the assessment of the responsible university lecturer
- Processing time of the thesis
- Addresses, email-addresses and telephone numbers of the author as well as of the supervisor
- A photo of the author

Submissions can be made both by the authors of the papers and by the respective supervisors. Several entries may be submitted from the same institution. We encourage all faculty members in higher education to submit outstanding final theses (Bachelor, Master or PhD) on tourism and to inform their students of this announcement.

The ITB award is subject to appearance in person at the award ceremony at the ITB in Berlin (presumably 05.03.26) and enables the submission of the article for publication in the Special Issues of the Jorunal of Tourism Science 2026. Each prize is sponsored by Studiosus Reisen and includes a complimentary two-year DGT membership.

The submission deadline is **October 14, 2025**

Please upload your documents in compliance with the deadline as ZIP-File named „LastName_FirstName.zip“ under the following link:

<https://swisscloud.netlevel.net/index.php/s/XYfrIgd7ckSGEXi>

You will then receive a confirmation e-mail within 48 hours that your submission is complete from:

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