

Sibylle Kalkhof-Rose RMU Award for the Humanities and Social Sciences 2026

Call for Applications

Sibylle Kalkhof-Rose-Stiftung and the **Rhein-Main-Universitäten (RMU)**, consisting of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz and Technical University of Darmstadt, are announcing the **Sibylle Kalkhof-Rose RMU Award** in the field of **Humanities and Social Sciences** for 2026.

The Award serves to recognize outstanding contributions to science, social dialogue, interdisciplinary exchange and the sustainable promotion of the common good.

It honors the overall achievements of an individual who has distinguished themselves in an exceptional way through their engagement, their integrity, their role model function or their lasting impact.

The Award is endowed with 10,000 euros.

Receiving the award does not entail any obligations, benefits or services in return.

Nomination procedure

Nominations may be submitted by the deans of the faculties for the humanities and social sciences at the RMU universities. Direct applications are not allowed.

Documents required for the nomination

- Proposal with substantiation (maximum of two pages)
- Nominee's CV in tabular form
- List of the nominee's most important scientific publications in the last five years

Submission guidelines

- Nomination documents are submitted electronically – **in one PDF file** – via email to **universitaetsfoerderung@uni-mainz.de**
- Nominations can be submitted both in German and in English
- **Nomination deadline: 1 August 2026**

Selection process and jury

The Sibylle Kalkhof-Rose RMU Award is presented by a jury consisting of members from the advisory board (Beirat) of Sibylle Kalkhof-Rose-Stiftung. The advisory board may opt to include additional persons.

The jury reserves the right to divide the prize between several awardees.

The award ceremony is scheduled to take place as part of an RMU event on 20 October 2026.

Assessment criteria

The jury will assess the nominations on the basis of the following criteria:

- **Outstanding scientific achievements** in the field of humanities and social sciences
- **Innovation potential** of the research for the future
- **Involvement in science communication** and/or **transfer to society**

Exclusion of legal recourse

- Nominees have no right to claim the award.
- Legal recourse is excluded.