University prizes 2018 – call for nominations

This year on Wednesday, November 28, the university prizes will be awarded again on the occasion of the annual Dies Academicus, the festive day of the University. The prizes are awarded for outstanding academic achievements, final theses and innovative teaching projects.

Our University Management calls for nomination of suitable candidates for the prizes. Following the nomination procedure, several juries will examine all submitted proposals and take a decision at the beginning of the winter semester. KU Professors may submit proposals for the following prizes:

- Prize for the best habilitation
- Prize for the best doctoral degree
- Prize for the best Master’s thesis

The prizes are sponsored by the Eichstätt University Association, the Sparkasse Ingolstadt-Eichstätt and the Volksbank-Raiffeisenbank Bayern Mitte and include amounts from 1,000 to 2,000 euros.

Another prize is offered by the Maximilian-Bickhoff-Foundation:

- Maximilian-Bickhoff-Foundation Prize for outstanding achievement in the amount of 1,500 euros. This prize takes into account achievements in the field of teaching degree programs and Master’s and Magister degree programs. Prize-worthy achievements can be proven by presentation of the degree certificate, final written examinations or final theses.

This year, the KU will award a prize in the name of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) again:

- DAAD Prize for outstanding achievement for international students in the amount of 1,000 euros. Professors are invited to submit proposals.

For the following other prizes, all members of the KU, including students, may present proposals:

- Sustainability prize for innovative and practice-oriented final theses (Bachelor and Master) and teaching projects in the area of sustainability. This prize is sponsored by the foundation of the Gutmann brewery and amounts to 1,000 euros.
- Transfer prize: In order to honor and visualize transfer activities at the KU, examples of good practice are awarded with a prize which is funded by the “innovative university” program. The prize is awarded in three categories: Social engagement, science communication and scientific management. Each category receives 1,000 euros. All members of the University may be nominated for the prize.
- Prize for good teaching, awarded in the categories of ‘innovation’ and ‘KU profile’.

All nominations can be submitted to the University Management by September 30, 2018 to praesidentin@ku.de. Please submit your proposals for the Bickhoff-Foundation prize to bardo.gauly@ku.de.

When submitting your nominations, please make sure to state for which prize you nominate your candidate, as you cannot submit an application for more than one prize. Please enclose a résumé in table form, a convincing argumentation detailing and assessing the prize-worthy achievement (please state grade of work) as well as a summary of the work or teaching project with your proposal.

Further information is available at: www.ku.de/unsere-ku/preise
Welcoming KU offspring

From now on, newborn children of students and employees at the KU will receive a little KU welcome gift which includes a baby romper with KU logo and “Genie im Wachstum” (genius growth in progress) printed on it as well as information material for parents compiled by the Center for Marriage and Family in Society (ZFG). The gift comes in a box which is hand-painted by the children in the University’s crèche Uni-Kinderhaus. The first welcome box was presented to Elwira Kiklaisch and her husband Jacek this week by Alexandra Ressel from the ZFG (on the left) and KU President Gabriele Gien. Students and employees at the KU, who gave birth to a child (or maybe even two…) can notify the Center for Marriage and Family in Society (ZFG) to receive a welcome box including the KU-baby romper. Please send an e-mail to zfg@ku.de or call 93-21146.

Grief for former university chaplain Father Johannes Haas

Father Johannes Haas, who was the KU university chaplain for many years, passed away on June 27 in Vienna aged 68 after short severe illness. Haas spent a total of 40 semesters as chaplain at the KU and had only transferred the task to his successor, Father Stefan Weig, one year ago.

Johannes Haas, originally from Upper Austria, studied theology and philosophy in Eichstätt in the 1970s after having entered the Salesian Order of Francis de Sales. In 1976, he was ordained as priest in the Eichstätt Cathedral. After having spent some years as a chaplain in Munich and having worked as an educator, he returned to Eichstätt as university chaplain in 1981 – initially for the duration of three years. He used this time to establish the Catholic Student Community at the newly founded Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt. He then devoted his time to pastoral tasks in Vienna and was head of the KIM movement in Germany and Austria for two years. In 2000, he returned to the KU as university chaplain. He fulfilled this task with dedication and passion for a further 17 years.

Father Johannes’ presence and counseling and support for members of the KU shaped the character of our University, he introduced many students to faith, administered many Sacraments of Baptism and married many couples. In the Catholic Student Community (KHG), Father Johannes organized series of presentations and talks with prominent guests.

He accompanied students on religious retreats and on trips to the Salzburg University Weeks. There was hardly any KU event he did not attend and he showed particular interest in student initiatives.

“Father Johannes Haas introduced many KU students and employees to his faith in an encouraging and supportive way”, said KU President Gabriele Gien. His contagious soulfulness and the joy he took in singing and music will not be forgotten. “The KU mourns a person who has shaped and actively participated in the development and the life at the University for many, many years.”

A book of condolence is available in the KHG chapel in Eichstätt. The funeral will take place on July 10, 2018 at 1.30 pm at the cemetery of the Order at the Salesianum in the Rosental. The requiem will be held at 3 pm in the Schutzengelkirche.
Main Building and canteen are now listed buildings

Students and employees at the KU learn, teach, carry out research and work in buildings of extraordinary architectural design – e.g. the Main Library designed by star architect Günter Behnisch, the Ulmer Hof with its baroque facade or the Aula library which is built directly onto the old town wall. Several KU buildings already hold the status of architectural monuments, such as the Sommerresidenz or the Ehemaliges Waisenhaus.

Now, a whole ensemble was added to the list. Under file number D-1-76-123-684, the Main Building and canteen were declared architectural monuments. The buildings comprising the Aula and art, sports and music rooms were designed by the architects Karljosef Schattner and Josef Elfinger between 1960 and 1967 to form a “group of rectangular-shaped buildings in concrete skeleton construction with web bracing infill of Jurassic limestone quarry”. The complex includes the open spaces with fountain courtyard and open-air stage, designed by Gerhart Teutsch which were also awarded monument status. The canteen, constructed between 1985 and 1988 as jointly developed by Schattner, Homeier, Diezinger and Huber were also added to the list as particularly worthy of preservation.

In the years to come, the KU will comprehensively refurbish the Main Building complex. Planning is currently in progress; the Free State of Bavaria and the Catholic Church have already announced their financial support. The KU is currently in dialog with the authorities to find out whether changes to the existing plans will be necessary due to the listing of the buildings. Furthermore, authorities currently verify whether additional KU buildings should be listed.
On the occasion of the university elections in June, KU students have elected their representatives for the committees of the university. Maximilian Kaiser was elected for both the University Council and the Senate. The second student seat in the Senate will be held by Christoph Paschen. Peter Spieß and Adrian Wappes were elected substitute representatives and advisory members. The new women and equal opportunity officer is Sophia Schwarz, her deputy is Marian Langer. The tenure of the newly elected representatives will begin on October 1st. Voter turnout was approximately 17 per cent.

Welcome at the KU

Suzanna Kisekka-Hirsch is newly employed at the International Office and is the responsible contact person for international degree-seeking students at the KU. Kisekka-Hirsch was born in Kiev and grew up in Uganda. She studied environmental geography at the Nelson Mandela University and has been living in Germany since the end of 2011. Before joining the KU in Eichstätt, she worked as an environmental teacher at the Haus im Moos in Karlshuld.

Dr. Michael Winklmann is the new coordinator for Studium.Pro and responsible contact person for all questions concerning this program. Furthermore, he will support the Studium.Pro managing board and organize the K’Universale lecture series. After having studied in a teaching degree program in Bamberg and having accomplished his teacher training, Winklmann worked as a research associate at the University of Augsburg.

KU.Card introduced in winter semester

The current paper student ID will be replaced by a chip card in the size of a credit card from the following winter semester. The KU.Card states the student’s name, date of birth, student registration number and user ID and contains a barcode for borrowing books from the library.

The new ID will not only replace the student ID and library card but will also serve as a payment card for the canteen both in Eichstätt (Studentenwerk Erlangen-Nürnberg) and Ingolstadt (Canisiuswerk). Furthermore, students can use the printing stations and copiers with this card. If desired, the ID will include a photograph. Students keep their KU.Card for their entire study time: Validation will be effected at special machines on campus each semester after successful re-registration for the new semester.

Initially, all new students will receive a KU.Card. Students who are already enrolled at the KU will receive their new KU.Cards in the course of the winter semester 2018/19. At the beginning of the winter semester, students will be informed of how the cards will be issued.

Students elect their representatives – voter turnout: 17 %

There were also new elections for the student representatives in the faculty councils. All student members of the committees together form the Student Representatives Council, who convened for their first meeting on July 2nd. In this meeting, the Spokespersons Council was newly elected. Peter Spieß remains in office as the chairperson of the Student Representatives Council; his deputy is Mirjam Zillober. Other spokespersons are Nadine Jarosch, Marian Langer and Christoph Paschen.
From July 1, the KU has a new data protection officer. This role is taken over by Georg Möller from SK-Consulting Group GmbH. The consulting firm from Bad Oeynhausen is specialized in the field of data protection and IT security.

Previously, this position was filled by Colin Morgenthal at the KU. After he left the Legal Affairs department and became head of the Human Resources department, he was no longer able to perform this double function, also with regard to possible conflicts of interest. This is why the University Management has decided to appoint an external data protection officer. Most recent developments in the area of data protection, such as the introduction of the new General Data Protection Regulation, require an enhanced specialist knowledge in the field.

Within the KU, Gabriele Kron schnabl from the Legal Affairs department will be the coordinator for all data protection issues. If you have any questions or issues, please address Ms. Kronschnabl first. She will then, if necessary, forward your concerns to the external officer. If no external support by the SK-Consulting Group is required, for example because the issue can be resolved by falling back on earlier inquiries which were already resolved, our Legal Affairs department will be able to provide you with the necessary information. This will prevent repeated requests being made to the data protection officer. You can reach Ms. Kronschnabl by telephone using the extension 93-31046 or by e-mail to datenschutz@ku.de.

The economist Gerda Hasselfeldt was member of the German Bundestag for a total of thirty years. In 1989, she was appointed Federal Minister for Regional Planning, Building and Urban Development, from 1991 to 1992 she held the office of Federal Minister for Health. Afterwards, she was fiscal speaker of the CDU/CSU fraction and worked in the areas of consumer protection, food and agriculture, local politics and tourism. In 2005, Hasselfeldt was appointed Vice President of the German Bundestag, from 2011 to 2017, she was chairperson of the CSU Regional Group. In 2017 she decided against standing in the elections for the Bundestag and ended her political career. At the end of the year 2017, the 67-year-old was elected President of the German Red Cross.

“We are delighted to welcome Ms. Hasselfeldt as a member of the KU University Council, as the council can benefit from her decades of experience and wide expertise gained in politics and her work in diverse fields and departments as well as from her extensive network” says the chairperson of the University Council, Barbara Loos.

The University Management has agreed on IT security guidelines detailing structures, responsibilities and processes in connection with the usage of IT systems, programs and data at the KU. The aim is to protect the integrity of our IT systems, to prevent abuse and to observe data protection and personal rights. The guidelines were developed by the CIO committee, representatives of the Computer Center and the University administration in accordance with recommendations of the German Federal Office for Information Security Technology.

The document also provides for new structures. This includes an information security management team (ISMT) which will consist of experts from the Computer Center, administration, data protection and a representative from research staff. Furthermore, the University will appoint decentralized IT security officers who will be responsible for IT security within the individual faculties and central facilities if they have own computers and IT systems in operation. You can access the guidelines in German at www.ku.de/rechtsvorschriften.

New data protection officer

New guidelines for IT security
Broaden your knowledge and your horizon with "Studium.Pro"

At the KU, the Studium.Pro program serves as framework for several different study options which allow students to expand on their studies beyond their main subjects – for example in order to develop their personality, broaden their knowledge in interdisciplinary discourse or to prepare for their future career and life. The new managing board of Studium.Pro which comprises the professors Ulrich Kropač (Theology), Susanne Jochner-Oette (Geography) and Klaus Meier (Journalism) is currently reviewing the profiles of the five sub-areas Discourse, Horizons, Society, Career and International together with coordinator Dr. Michael Winklmann. In this process, the team has developed criteria for the development of modules in the individual areas.

A working group was established for the area “Pro Discourse” (also known as lecture series “K’Universale”), which will be responsible for preparing and implementing the program.

Meanwhile, Studium.Pro has successfully been included in the examination regulations of the Bachelor’s degree program Journalism, the Master’s degree program International Relations and the interdisciplinary Bachelor’s and Master’s degree program (excluding teacher training programs). This means that the Studium.Pro option is a fixed component of these degree programs. The team of directors is currently in discourse with heads of other degree programs. It is expected that Studium.Pro will be incorporated in the General Examination Regulations of the KU by the following winter semester. The program can then be used on a voluntary basis by all students at the KU.

A module handbook will also be published at www.ku.de/studiumpro for the following winter semester. This will include a list of all modules which can be chosen within the program. Further information is available at www.ku.de/studiumpro

Progress at the KU Center for Teacher Education

Since its establishment in 2013, the Center for Teacher Education (ZLB) at the KU has passed some important milestones of further development. The new conceptualization of the regulations for the “Center for Teacher Education and Education Research” in the 2016 summer semester marked the beginning of a two-year profiling phase.

After evaluation of the experiences with the new organizational structure and the tasks of the Center as stipulated in the statutes, it is positively mentioned that the management team has successfully implemented important impulses for further development and that the ZLB could significantly expand on its visibility and reputation. The past two years also showed structural challenges which called for some additional fine-tuning. In mid-April and mid-June, the Senate had therefore agreed on a revised version of the regulations for the “Center for Teacher Education” (as it is now called) which took effect on July 1, 2018.

In addition to the reduction of the management team from five to three persons, the status and description of tasks of the Center was stated more precisely: The ZLB remains a central academic institution, as its mission reaches beyond that of a simple service facility. The conceptualization of the task catalog is specified insofar as it does no longer speak of (independent) research of the Center but rather of initiation and coordination of the research transfer and its results in the fields of education, school and teacher education. This clearly defines the ZLB as central institution with its independent profile and at the same time differentiates between the research institutes of the KU.

The former meetings of members will be replaced by the ZLB board, which adequately reflects expertise and skills from the subjects (partial degree programs) relevant in the teaching degree programs. The board therefore serves as valuable advisory committee for the management.
Eichstätter Gespräche on consequences of digitalization

The Association of Catholic Entrepreneurs (BKU) and the KU warmly invite interested participants to the Eichstätter Gespräche. The conference from September 27th to 29th will approach the question of how digitalization of the professional world affects people, workplaces and our work-life-balance. Speakers will be, amongst others, the Bavarian Minister of Economics Franz Josef Pschierer, the publisher of the Straubinger Tagblatt, Prof. Dr. Martin Balle, the managing director of Deloitte Digital, Andreas Harting, the chairperson of the German Digital Opportunities Foundation, Jutta Croll and CSU Secretary General Markus Blume. Scientists from several universities will also give speeches – from the KU, professors Thomas Setzer (information systems), Alexis Fritz (moral theology), Kai Sandner (business ethics) and André Habisch (Christian social ethics) will participate.

Contrary to what one would expect, this year’s Eichstätter Gespräche will take place in Ingolstadt: the conference will start on Thursday evening at the Technische Hochschule, the panels on Friday and Saturday will take place in the large lecture hall of the Ingolstadt School of Management. Members of our University can participate in the conference free of charge and only have to pay a small contribution for the meals. Please register at the latest by September 1st by e-mail to service@bku.de.

Church services at the end of the summer semester
Auxiliary Bishop Anton Losinger will lead the final service on the occasion of the end of semester on Friday, July 13 at 11 a.m. in the Schutzengelkirche. In Ingolstadt, the final service for the end of semester will take place on Wednesday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Hochschulgemeinde. The KHG Eichstätt has organized an ecumenical farewell service on Tuesday, July 10 at 7:15 p.m. with subsequent farewell party in the KHG courtyard. All students leaving Eichstätt are invited – irrespective of whether they finished their studies or just leave for a semester abroad.

Concert and exhibition
The Center for Flight and Migration invites interested participants to an event series which addresses the current situation in Afghanistan. Until July 16, the photo exhibition “Hass und Hoffnung. Afghanistan” (Hatred and hope. Afghanistan) in the former Johanniskirche at the Domplatz will show works by the photographer Andy Spyra. On Sunday, July 8, the Afghan brothers Nasir and Monir Aziz will give a concert in the Johanniskirche at 6 p.m. performing interpretations of the classic Indian Raga music. On July 9, Dr. med. Reinhard Erös will speak on his years of experience as a development worker and the current situation in Afghanistan. The presentation will start at 8:15 p.m.

Journalism magazine
During the summer semester, students of the Bachelor’s degree program in Journalism have produced a new volume of the crossmedial magazine “Einsteins”. The magazine with the cover story “Protest” will be sold on campus during the last week of lectures. The TV show and online appearance will be presented on Friday, July 13 in the Aula. The presentation will start at 3:00 p.m. Afterwards, the Journalism department will hold a farewell ceremony for their graduates.

Orientation weeks
Introductory events for new students from October 8 to 19.

Start of winter semester
The lecture period will start on October 15th with a service at 9 a.m. in the Schutzengelkirche. Subsequently new students will be welcomed in the Aula.

Opening of transfer office
The „Mensch in Bewegung“ (human in motion) project team has meanwhile moved into the new office spaces in the Spitalstadt. They shall promote the exchange between University and society in Eichstätt; the official opening will be on October 23, 2018. All KU members are also warmly invited to visit the transfer office before its official opening.

University Ball on 11-22-18
Dies Academicus on 11-28-18