

Sustainability Award 2026

Background. At the University of Regensburg, sustainability, as defined by the "[Sustainability Strategy 2023–2027](#)," is a key concern and cross-cutting theme that affects all university fields of action (research, teaching, student engagement, campus operations, digitalization, knowledge transfer, and governance) and addresses all seventeen Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

To recognize and highlight commitment and progress on the path to greater sustainability, and to support exemplary initiatives and projects, the University of Regensburg has established an annual Sustainability Award in 2024. The prize is awarded by the University of Regensburg's Executive Board.

It recognizes innovative projects, structural measures, special activities, or outstanding achievements by individuals or groups that significantly advance the University of Regensburg's efforts to strengthen sustainability in at least one of the university's fields of action.

Prize Money. The Sustainability Award is rewarded with €5,000.00. Eligibility extends to already completed or ongoing projects, measures, or achievements as well as specific ideas and projects to be implemented in the future. In all cases, the prize money must be used for measures in line with the University's "Sustainability Strategy 2023-2027." The funds are distributed through the Green Office, which reports on implemented projects to the university's "Sustainability Council for the Future" at least once a year.

Application. Applications can be submitted electronically by June 30, 2026:

<https://go.ur.de/nachhaltigkeitspreis>

Applications are open to any member of the UR. Several members of the UR as a group, accredited initiatives, and organizational units can also apply. Self-nominations are expressly possible and encouraged. Candidates can also be nominated.

Applications must be submitted digitally via the SoSci-Survey-Tool and must include information on the project and the contact person. In particular, this includes information on the working title, a brief description of the project, at least one associated field of action, the added value for the sustainable transformation process at UR, and the envisioned use of the prize money. Publications or other types of supporting material can also be attached as a single PDF document.

A simultaneous application for other prizes is possible but must be declared at the submission stage.

The Green Office will be happy to answer any questions about the application process at greenoffice@ur.de or by phone at extension -1921.

Selection process. The prize is awarded by a majority decision by a selection committee consisting of (i) the University's Sustainability Officer, (ii) a member of the Green Office and (iii) three members appointed by the Sustainability Council of the Future from among its members (at least one of whom should be a student member); with a list of potential replacements in case of a conflict of interest. The prize can also be divided among several awardees. There may also be a decision not to hand out the prize. Information on the outcome of the selection process will be provided by the end of September at the latest.

Award Ceremony. The award ceremony will take place as part of a celebratory event on the evening of Thursday, November 5, 2026. Please mark the date in your calendar.

Further Information:

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