



Award Guidelines

International DLG-Prize

Scholarship Program for the Advancement of Young

Talent in Agriculture

1. Preamble

The key to future development lies in the knowledge and skill of the younger generation. For this reason, the German Agricultural Society has instituted the International DLG-Prize for the Advancement of Young Talent in Agriculture. It will be awarded every year to young specialists of agriculture and of related industries and services. The scholarship connected with the prize is supposed to enable the awardees to expand their professional knowledge and skills in specific areas and to acquire qualifications beyond their immediate area of activities. This is to assist them to take over eventually leading management positions within agriculture.

The assistance, which goes with the prize, should be used for practically orientated training measures in order to close the steadily widening gap between science, extension services, administration and the practitioners of agriculture. Of particular concern will be the advancement of young professionals who may on account of their personal attitude and their professional skill be able to stimulate agricultural development in their home countries and set an example to others. By extending the horizon of their experiences beyond their home countries, a basis should be laid for successful international cooperation.

2. Target Groups

The International DLG-Prize may be awarded to young men and women of the following target groups:

- a) Agricultural practitioners and young entrepreneurs of agriculture and of the branches of the economy immediately preceding or following agricultural production.
- b) Junior professionals who are active in agriculture, in professional organisations, in cooperatives or private enterprises that function as suppliers and outlets for agricultural markets, in processing industries and food trades, in agricultural administration and related areas (agricultural banks and similar establishments).
- c) Graduates of universities and colleges of the specializations agriculture, agricultural technology, nutritional and farm management sciences, forestry and lumber industry, as well as veterinary medicine.

3. Prizes

The International DLG-Prize is awarded in form of scholarships. As a rule, these are scholarships for studies abroad whose implementations are adapted to the individual circumstances and the educational requirements of the awardees.

The DLG Prize is awarded in two classifications:

I. **Juniorenpreis (Junior-Prize)**

This prize is provided for young trainees during their professional education. It is supposed to complement the personal and professional expertise by measures of extended training, such as lectures, courses and practical work abroad.

Grant: max. Euro 2.500; age limits: 18 to 24 years

II. **Fortbildungspreis (Supplementary-Training-Prize)**

A prize for young professionals who have largely completed professional education. Its aim is to complement their professional knowledge, to exchange experiences and to further their professional qualification in order to improve their suitability for leading management positions at a later stage. This is to be achieved by participation in exhibitions, conventions, professional excursions, practical work abroad or special training courses.

Grant: max. Euro 4.000; age limit 36 years

The money must be used for the intended purpose. It may only be used to cover travel and tuition costs, costs for additional language education, as well as living costs incurring during education, to a reasonable extent. The awardees are expected to prepare all educational measures connected with the prize by themselves and to account for their expenditure with the DLG.

4. Criteria for the Selection of Award Winners

The applicants have to show proof of their professional education. They must have experiences indicating willingness to cooperate in decisions-making, have ability as opinion-formers and multipliers, and be prepared to share in the responsibilities. The requirements are therefore set at a high level.

- a) All applicants have to submit above average grades and achievements.
- b) Besides their mother tongue, they should be able to get along in one of the following languages at a colloquial level: German, English or French.
- c) Ability to communicate and an interest in international cooperation are considered indispensable requirements.
- d) The relationship of their achievements and interests to practice must be evident from their application.
- e) Applicants for the Junior-Prize must have successfully completed a part of their professional education and have at least two years of practical experience in their profession. Of the applicants for the Supplementary-Training-Prize, a completed professional education and sound professional practice are required. In addition, a honorary involvement in professional matters without remuneration is expected.
- f) A honorary involvement in professional matters without remuneration and interest in international development is expected by all applicants.

5. Application and Awarding Procedure

Candidates for the International DLG-Prize are usually nominated by professional organizations, universities, high schools or by other appropriate institutions or persons; direct applications should be supported by a nomination.

The prizes are awarded by the board of the DLG. Only the board is entitled to announce the names of the award winners publically.

The selection of the awardees is made by a selection committee appointed by the board of the DLG. It examines whether the proposed candidates comply with the regulations of these awarding guidelines, and scrutinizes the documents submitted. It is entitled to request references from third parties and to invite the candidates for a personal interview. The decisions of the board of the DLG are incontestable. Legal claims to the grant of a DLG-Prize are excluded.

6. Follow-up Assistance

The awardees are obliged to submit a report on the training measure and the experiences gained to the German Agricultural Society. This report is to be submitted within eight weeks of the termination of the educational measures made possible by the grant of the scholarship.

In order to maintain and intensify the ties established between the prize-winners and the German Agricultural Society, the awardees will be integrated into a post-contact program of the German Agricultural Society.

7. Procedures

Applications should be sent to the German Agricultural Society until 15th October 2010. The public presentation of the prizes will take part at the DLG conference in Munich in January 2011.