



International DLG-Prize
Scholarship Program for the Advancement of Young
Talented Agricultural Professionals and related fields

Award Guidelines

Preamble

The knowledge and skills of the younger generation are the basis for the future development of the agricultural and food sector. For this reason, the German Agricultural Society has instituted the annual International DLG-Prize for the advancement of young talented agricultural professionals and for specialists from related branches of business. The scholarship accompanying the prize is supposed to enable the awardees to expand their professional knowledge and to acquire further qualifications to be able to fill leading management positions within the agricultural sector or food business.

1. Targets

The International DLG-Prize shall give young professionals the opportunity to amplify their knowledge and to qualify for further activities beyond the closely business area. The assistance, which goes with the prize, should be used for practically orientated trainings in order to close the steadily widening gap between science, extension services, administration and the practicing agriculture. Of particular concern will be the advancement of young professionals who may be able to stimulate agricultural development in their home countries and to set an example to others due to their personal attitude and their professional skill. The applicants should exhibit their voluntary commitment. 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 women and men 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 as well as junior professionals who are active in agriculture, professional organisations, in cooperatives or private enterprises that function as suppliers and outlets for agricultural markets,
- b) Junior professionals who are active in processing industries of the food trades,
- 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.

Added conditions for a successful application are:

- Interest in practical work in DLG related fields (arable farming, livestock farming, agricultural engineering, processing, nutrition technology, forestry, etc.)
- Interest in rural renewal and associated organisations
- Your target is an international network, a strong connection to local agriculture and to the DLG
- Professional interests are shown by work experience (internship/collaboration) in corresponding organisations

3. Prizes

The International DLG-Prize is awarded for studies in form of scholarships. As a rule, these scholarships are designed by the awardees themselves according to their individual circumstances and the educational requirements. If desired by the awardees, the DLG is able to assist in preparation and implementation of the activity.

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: € 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: € 4.000, - ; age limit: 36 years

The money provided to the awardees can be used for the intended purposes like travel and tuition costs, costs for additional language education, as well as living costs incurring during education, to a reasonable extend.

The awardees are expected to create their educational program by themselves and to account their expenditure with the DLG.

The prize money is provided over a period of three years from the time of the award. Outstanding amounts will not be paid out by 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 able to take over responsibility. The requirements are therefore set at a high level.

- a) All applicants have to submit above average grades and achievements.
- b) Besides their first language, they should be able to get along in one of the following languages at a colloquial level: German, English, French or Spanish.
- c) The relationship of their achievements and interests to practice must be evident from their application.
- d) A voluntary involvement in professional matters without remuneration and interest in international development is expected by all applicants. The applicants should exhibit their voluntary commitment. Therefore it is not sufficient to simply verify the membership in an association or similar, but to prove an active engagement to the benefit of the society and beyond.



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 provided application form is to be used for the application. The application form can be received from the DLG. Please note that the submitted forms and documents should be copyable and must be in English or German.

Applications should be sent to the German Agricultural Society **until 1st February 2020** to the following address:

DLG e.V., Competence Center Agriculture
Mrs. Sarah Harff-Cassel, Eschborner Landstrasse 122, 60489 Frankfurt, Germany. It can also be sent by email to DLG-Preis@DLG.org.

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. The selection committee 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.

All received documents and certificates become property of DLG with the application. They will not be returned.

6. Follow-up assistance

The awardees are obliged to submit a report on the realised educational program and their experiences gained to the DLG. This report is to be submitted within eight weeks of the termination of the educational program 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

The public award of the prizes will take part at the Young DLG annual conference in 2020.