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Call for applications: Briese Award for Marine Research 2026

The shipping company Briese Schiffahrt GmbH & Co. KG (Leer), together with the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde (IOW) has been awarding the "BRIESE Award for Marine Research" every year since 2010. The prize rewards outstanding doctoral theses in marine research, the underlying research data for which was obtained during ship expedition(s) on a research vessel.

The Dissertation prize is endowed with prize money of € 10,000.

Applications are open to young scientists with a doctorate in all disciplines of marine research, including marine technology and climate research related to marine research, who have completed an outstanding doctorate at a German university no more than two years ago in a reasonable time (the date of the oral defense is decisive). Both self-applications and nominations by any researcher working in a closely related field are welcome.

Selection criteria

- Scientific quality of the doctorate in the field of marine research,
- Convincing presentation of the necessity of using research vessels to collect data at sea,
- Quality of publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Application documents and selection procedure

- Short curriculum vitae (Template DFG: [Link](#)),
- List of publications,
- Diploma or Master's degree and doctoral certificate,
- Summary of the dissertation (max. two pages), in which the most important results of the dissertation are presented and the connection with the use of research vessels is described,
- Evaluation report: two written reports as part of the dissertation procedure¹,
- Doctoral thesis.

Please send all application documents in the order formulated above, summarised in one PDF document, electronically to briese-preis@iow.de (Reference: Briese Award 2026). The dissertation can be sent separately as a PDF. The documents, in particular the doctoral thesis, will be treated confidentially. An overview of the prize winners can be found here: <https://www.iow.de/briese-preis-fuer-meeresforschung.html>

The **application deadline** is **October 30, 2026** and the winners will be selected by a scientific jury².

The award ceremony will take place on April 15th, 2027.

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¹ If the reports are not handed over to you personally, they can be sent to us by e-mail by the university.

² <https://www.iow.de/briese-award-for-marine-research.html>