

Call

Young Scholars Prize 2025

The [Walter Benjamin Kolleg](#) unites the manifold inter- and transdisciplinary research activities within the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Bern, Switzerland. It is particularly committed to the advancement of early-career researchers.

To this end, the Kolleg awards the annual prize "[Young Scholars](#)" (worth CHF 1,500) to one excellent researcher from Switzerland or abroad who vividly communicates their interdisciplinary research to a broad public.

"Young Scholars" aims to identify and promote young talent by increasing their visibility, creating networking opportunities, and boosting their scientific development. In turn, young scholars at the Kolleg benefit from the exchange with the awardees, enhancing dialogue and collaboration among peers.

The prize will be awarded at the [Research Day of the Faculty of Humanities](#) on March 31, 2025 in Bern.

Selection criteria

- Outstanding interdisciplinary research in the humanities in Switzerland or abroad
- Experience in communicating one's own research to a broad public
- Ph.D. that was awarded no more than five years ago (net academic age)
- International candidates are especially welcome.

Process

- We welcome self-applications and nominations by **February 1, 2025** to ariane.lorke@unibe.ch.
- Selection by the Steering Committee of the Kolleg until February 28
- Award ceremony at the *Phil.-hist. Forschungstag 2025* on March 31, 2025 in Bern

Applications documents (please compile all documents into one pdf file)

- Name and institutional affiliation of the suggested person
- Curriculum vitae and evidence of experience in science communication
- Qualification according to the selection criteria and connection between the applicant's research and the interdisciplinary work of the Kolleg
- Additionally, in case of self-application: a letter of motivation and a letter of recommendation