

"EmPOWER! Politics, Policy, and Personality"

Participate

The **Susan Strange Young Scholar Award (SSYSA)** is open to all students who identify as female and who have submitted an outstanding bachelor's or master's thesis. The deadline for submission is **31 October 2021**.

The competition is part of the project **EmPOWER! Politics, Policy, and Personality**, which is funded by the Equal Opportunities Office of the University of Bonn. The project strives to strengthen the visibility of women and those who identify as female in academia. Therefore, the award is aimed at female students of all academic disciplines with a research focus on international relations, especially with a focus on power studies, international security policy or personality studies (see Call for Papers).

If you completed your German- or English-language bachelor's or master's thesis with an excellent result in 2020 or 2021, you can apply for the award until 31 October 2021. Please note that the decisive factor for participation in the SSYSA is not the date of your graduation, but the completed assessment of your thesis: it must have been officially submitted between **1 April 2020** and **31 March 2021**. All documents must be submitted in full by 31 October 2021.

Prizes

A jury of experts will award the winning thesis based on the quality of the study. As a prize, one winner will receive the Susan Strange Young Scholar Award. All winning papers will be presented at a digital conference in front of an expert audience and published in an anthology. All winning participants will be awarded certificates.

If you have any questions about the conditions of participation or the competition, please contact us, Christiane Heidbrink M.A., and Dr. Hendrik W. Ohnesorge, at +49 228 / 73-60278 or empower@uni-bonn.de.

Conditions of participation

We would like to ask you to read the following conditions of participation carefully before registering for the competition. They contain all essential information on the following questions:

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Who is eligible to participate?

The competition of the Susan Strange Young Scholar Award (SSYSA) takes place within the framework of the "EmPOWER! Politics, Policy, and Personality" project, which is funded by the Equal Opportunities Office of the University of Bonn. It seeks to increase the visibility of women and those who identify as female in academia. Therefore, the SSYSA is aimed at female students of all academic disciplines with a research connection to International Relations. Eligible are those who have submitted an outstanding thesis (up to 1.7 in the German grading system) in German or English in their bachelor's or master's degree between **1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021**. There is no age restriction.

What is to be submitted?

You must submit a completed application form, your thesis in PDF format and the reviewer's form attached to the application form, which must be completed by the expert reviewer of your thesis. Only one evaluation form is required.

Please send us the following documents by e-mail (empower@uni-bonn.de):

- The completed **registration form** including an English **abstract**.
- Your **bachelor's or master's thesis** (as a PDF document). If the file is too large for uploading (> 25 MB per uploaded file), you can place it in an online storage (cloud service) with sufficient access time, save the link to it in a document and upload it.
- An (uncertified) **copy of your bachelor's or master's degree certificate** (if available) or a provisional certificate or a grade overview showing the overall grade of your thesis.
- The completed **evaluation form**. The review should address the research question, method, results, and form of presentation of your work and further evaluate it with regard to the current state of research.
- An abstract of no more than 200 words, including 5 keywords, in English. The central challenge here is to highlight the concept and the central results of your research work very briefly.

Maximum size per file not more than 10 MB, thesis not more than 25 MB. The thesis may be written in German or English. If possible, you should merge all documents apart from the thesis into one PDF file.

The submitted documents will - after the closing date - only be made accessible to the jurors. After the end of the competition, all documents will remain in the closed database and will be deleted after a deadline / given for disposal in accordance with professional and data protection regulations.

Since at some universities the graduation procedures are subject to strict confidentiality clauses and the evaluations are not handed over to the students, the evaluation forms can also be sent to empower@uni-bonn.de (Christiane Heidbrink M.A. and Dr. Hendrik W. Ohnesorge) by the responsible office of the university or by the evaluators themselves.

All documents must be submitted in full and **via e-mail by 31 October 2021**. Please refrain from mailing in a hard copy of your application and make sure to use an e-mail address that you will not lose access to after graduating.

The small print

With your participation in the SSYSA, you assure that you have written the submitted competition entry yourself and without outside help. You agree to present your competition entry to the public in person at a specialist conference in the event of a nomination and to make it available to the CGS for publication and public relations purposes. You also grant the CGS the right to use the entry in a revised or abridged version. You assure, that the entry has not been officially published yet. Furthermore, you agree that your data may be stored and viewed in the context of the presentation of the competition results. The data will be used exclusively for public relations purposes of the SSYSA and will not be passed on to third parties for advertising purposes.

The legal process is excluded.

If you have any further questions, please email us at empower@uni-bonn.de (Christiane Heidbrink M.A. and Dr Hendrik W. Ohnesorge).

Frequently Asked Questions

At my university, there are no peer reviews for a thesis. Can I still apply for the Susan Strange Young Scholar Award?

Basically, yes. In this case, at least one of your supervisors must prepare an evaluation specifically for your application. It should address the research question, method, results, and form of presentation of your dissertation and evaluate it regarding the current state of research.

The university or my reviewers are not willing to hand over the expert report on my thesis. Can I still participate in the competition?

Yes. At least one of your supervisors must be willing to fill out the review form. If, for reasons of confidentiality, it is not possible for you to receive and submit the evaluation form, these documents can also be sent in by the evaluator him/herself. In any case, the reviews will be treated confidentially and will only be accessible to the jurors. After the end of each competition round, all documents stored in the database will be deleted.

Are there any formal requirements/style sheets for the competition entry to be written?

No, there are no binding requirements for the formal design of your competition entry.

What is the deadline to submit all necessary documents?

The closing date for entries is 23:59 on **31 October 2021**.

I have already applied for another prize with my thesis or have already received another award. Is this an exclusion criterion for participation in the SSYSA?

No, it is not a criterion for exclusion if your thesis has already received a prize or other recognition or if you are participating in other competitions at the same time. You must assure that your thesis has not been published yet.