Announcement 2024
EmpowerMINT Awards
for female students/ graduates

1. The Award
The quote of female students and graduates in the STEM subjects is partly well below 50%. This initiative aims at bringing women in these STEM subjects into focus. By means of this award and the accompanying prize money, we want to offer a significant incentive for the continuation of an academic career while granting the promoted female students/ graduates heightened visibility in the public award ceremony and through a press release. Thesis from the following STEM subjects are accepted for application in 2024:

1. Electrical and Information Engineering
2. Computer Science and Business Information Technology
3. Materials Science and Engineering
4. Physics
5. Mathematics and Mathematical Finance
6. Chemistry and Business Chemistry
7. Applied Geosciences
8. Climate Physics
9. Geophysics
10. Geosciences
11. Marine Geosciences

2. In general
The awards will be handed out to outstanding and innovative Bachelor and Master thesis submitted by female students in the above mentioned STEM subjects at Kiel University. Only final thesis completed this calendar year or the preceding one will be accepted. Final thesis that date further back will not be accepted.

3. Application / Suggestion
The students may apply with their Bachelor or Master thesis themselves or can be suggested by their examiner. The application must contain the following documents:

1. cover letter
2. grade of the thesis
3. summary of the paper (no more than half a DIN A4-page)
4. letter of recommendation by the first examiner
5. CV
6. Thesis

Please join the documents in the above order into a single PDF document and send them to:
4. **Selection criteria**
In addition to the technical quality of the paper, the selection committee considers the following aspects for the evaluation:

- innovation (as regards to content or methodology)
- sociopolitical commitment or commitment to university politics

5. **Selection**
The selection of the prize winners take place in:

- the Equality Committee of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNF)
- the Equality Committe of the Faculty of Engineering (TF)

6. **Award Ceremony**
The EmpowerMINT Awards are handed out once a year. The prizes are financed from resources of the Professorinnenprogramm III of federal and state government. The funding amount for each year is set at 2500€:

1) one award each for a **Bachelor thesis** at the MNF and the TF of **500€**

2) one award each for a **Master thesis** at the MNF and the TF of **750€**

The Faculties can fund additional EmpowerMINT awards, if there are many outstanding thesis submitted.

The prize winners will be informed personally and the awards will be handed out by the faculties within the framework of a public ceremony. In addition there will be a press release.

7. **Information**
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