

# Prize for Federalism and Regional Research 2026

## Submission conditions

The presidents of the provincial parliaments of Austria and South Tyrol and the Institute for Federalism call for submissions for the Prize for Federalism and Regional Research 2026. The prize will be awarded for outstanding master's and diploma theses as well as dissertations and for projects from research and administrative practice submitted between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2026. In the case of joint theses, authors with primary responsibility may submit in agreement with the co-authors.

## Subject of the call

Outstanding research papers (master's theses, diploma theses and dissertations) as well as scientifically sound projects from research and administrative practice on the topics of federalism, governance in multi-level systems, deregulation, subsidiarity and regional research. It is a prerequisite that the submitted work is intensively related to the topics listed and has a high innovation potential. A connection of the submitted work to Austria and/or South Tyrol is not mandatory, but advantageous.

## Eligibility

Participation is open to persons up to the age of 35. A scientifically sound, innovative contribution on the above-mentioned topics is expected. Employees of the Institute for Federalism are expressly excluded from the possibility of participating.

## Prize money

The prize is endowed with € 4,000,00; the prize money can be awarded to one or more prize winners (minimum amount € 1,000,00).

## Submission deadline

Submissions should be sent to the **Institute for Federalism**, Adamgasse 17, 6020 Innsbruck, e-mail: [institut@foederalismus.at](mailto:institut@foederalismus.at) by **31 March 2026** at the latest.

## Jury

The jury consists of renowned professors or experts from the fields of constitutional law, political science and administrative science – see the presentation of the jury at <https://foederalismus.at/en/federalism/federalism-prize/prize-jury/>.

## Award ceremony

Expected in October 2026.

## Documents

Application form (available at <https://foederalismus.at/en/federalism/federalism-prize/>), scientific paper or detailed project description, abstract or brief presentation, for master's theses, diploma theses or dissertations: expert opinion.