

The full Participation Rules for this award are attached as pages 3–4 of this document. By sending the submission form to the address einreichung@sit.fraunhofer.de, they apply automatically to this submission. Please read them carefully.

1. Category (please select one)

Category 1 – Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research Methodology,
Teaching and Knowledge Transfer in Privacy and Cybersecurity Law

Category 2 – Excellence in Interdisciplinary Doctoral Research in Privacy and Cybersecurity Law

Category 3 – Excellence in Interdisciplinary Privacy and Cybersecurity Law Research

2. Type of submission (please select one)

Self-nomination

Third-party nomination

3. Name(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of the nominated person(s)

In case of a third-party nomination, please enter the details of the nominated person(s) only, not of the person submitting the nomination.

4. E-mail address(es) of at least one nominated person

so that this person can be reached in case of an award.

5. Title of the work / initiative

6. Place of publication

(e.g. journal, publisher, conference, university for doctoral dissertations)

7. Date of publication, defense, or start of the activity

8. Grade of the doctoral dissertation

(only applicable for Category 2 – doctoral dissertations)

9. Short description (max. 150 words) of the interdisciplinary contribution and its relation to relevant European legal acts in the field of privacy and cybersecurity law

10. Full text or evidence of the submitted work or activity itself (where applicable)

Please attach only publicly available material relating to the work or activity itself (e.g. the publication or dissertation) – no CVs, and no non-public or confidential materials (e.g. internal training materials). Alternatively, provide a link below.

11. Declaration

Required only for third-party nominations and/or submissions involving more than one person:

I confirm that, in connection with this nomination, applicable data protection requirements have been complied with towards all persons named herein, in particular regarding the transmission of their personal data as part of this nomination.

Submission

Please send the submission to **einreichung@sit.fraunhofer.de** together with the attachment described in Section 10 (containing only publicly available material relating to the work or activity itself) and, for Category 2 submissions only, a proof of your grade.

Please do not attach CVs or non-public/confidential materials.

Please note:

No confirmation of receipt and no individual notification of non-selection will be sent.

Only award recipients will be contacted.

Annex of the Submission Form: Participation Rules

1. Categories

The Excellentia Scientiae Medal is awarded in three categories:

1.1 Excellence in Interdisciplinary Research Methodology, Teaching and Knowledge Transfer in Privacy and Cybersecurity Law – recognizing contributions to methodological development, knowledge building and knowledge transfer (category 1).

1.2 Excellence in Interdisciplinary Doctoral Research in Privacy and Cybersecurity Law – recognizing outstanding doctoral dissertations (category 2).

1.3 Excellence in Interdisciplinary Privacy and Cybersecurity Law Research – recognizing outstanding scientific publications (category 3).

2. Eligibility

2.1 Submissions must relate to work in the context of relevant European legal acts in the field of privacy and cybersecurity law.

2.2 Self-nominations and third-party nominations are equally welcome.

2.3 Only one submission per institution and category is permitted. For joint submissions, this limitation applies to all institutions affiliated with the nominated persons. If multiple submissions relating to the same institution are received within one category, only the first submission received will be considered; subsequent submissions will not be reviewed.

2.4 Only complete submissions – containing all information and attachments required by the submission form – will be included in the pool of nominees considered by the Selection Committee. ATHENE may, at its discretion, request missing information or exclude incomplete submissions from consideration.

3. Number of Recipients

3.1 The award in the category Excellence in Interdisciplinary Doctoral Research in Privacy and Cybersecurity Law is granted to individuals only.

3.2 In all other categories, the award may be granted to a maximum of three people jointly.

3.3 Where an award in categories 1 or 3 is granted jointly to up to three persons, the physical medal will be sent to one person only, to be determined by ATHENE at its discretion.

4. Submission Deadlines and Eligibility Windows

4.1 Publications are eligible for submission in category 1 or 3 (where the submission is a scientific publication) if their date of publication does not lie more than two years before the submission deadline of the respective annual submission period.

4.2 Doctoral dissertations are eligible for submission in category 2 if the date of the defense does not lie more than two years before the submission deadline of the respective annual submission period.

4.3 Teaching and knowledge transfer activities are eligible for submission in category 1 (where the submission is not a scientific publication) if the start of the activity does not lie more than two years before the submission deadline of the respective annual submission period. For ongoing activities, eligibility continues for as long as the activity is still active at the submission deadline.

4.4 The submission deadline of the respective annual submission period (see 5.1) serves as the reference date for calculating all eligibility windows under this Section 4.

5. Submission

5.1 Submissions may be submitted annually during the submission period from 1 August to 31 October.

5.2 Submissions must be sent to einreichung@sit.fraunhofer.de.

5.3 Submissions and the submitted works must be in German or English.

6. Selection Committee

6.1 The award decision is made by an independent committee composed of representatives from privacy and cybersecurity law academia, privacy and cybersecurity practice, and privacy and cybersecurity education.

6.2 Persons who have submitted or been nominated for an award in a given year may not serve on the committee in that same year.

7. Legal Recourse

The decision of the selection committee is final. ATHENE as well as the selection committee are not obliged to provide reasons for selection decisions. Legal recourse is excluded.

8. Data Protection

8.1 Personal data submitted as part of a nomination – in particular names, email addresses, professional affiliations, and information relating to the submitted work – are processed on the basis of Art. 6(1)(b) GDPR (performance of a contract, namely the implementation of the award process) and may be shared with members of the selection committee for the selection of the award winners.

8.2 The names of award recipients, their institutional affiliation, and, where applicable, the title of the awarded work or initiative will be published on the ATHENE website. This processing is carried out on the basis of Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR (legitimate interest, as the public visibility and transparency of the award constitute a legitimate interest of ATHENE). Recipients have the right to object to this processing at any time; details regarding the exercise of this right are set out in the privacy notice of ATHENE (see 8.3).

8.3 In all other respects, the privacy notice of ATHENE applies, available at <https://www.athene-center.de/en/privacy-statement>.

9. Discontinuation

ATHENE reserves the right to discontinue the Excellentia Scientiae Medal at any time without prior notice.

10. Subject Matter of the Award

The medal is of purely honorary and symbolic nature. It carries no material or monetary value, and no claim exists to a specific material, design, or execution of the medal, nor to any cash equivalent or substitute in the event of loss, delay, or damage in transit.

11. Final Provisions

11.1 By submitting, applicants grant ATHENE a non-exclusive, royalty-free right to use the submitted work for the purpose of the award procedure evaluation.

11.2 ATHENE and the Selection Committee shall be liable only for intent and gross negligence. Liability for slight negligence is excluded, except for breach of essential contractual obligations (cardinal duties) and for damages to life, body, or health.

11.3 These Participation Rules are governed by the law of the Federal Republic of Germany.