SCHNEEMELCHER KOLLEG

Call for Applications

Wilhelm Schneemelcher Award

for the Study of Ancient Christian Literature and Its Receptions

The Wilhelm Schneemelcher Award is granted annually to a scholar during the public Schneemelcher Symposium at the University of Bonn. The awardee will present her or his award-winning work in the form of an academic lecture and subsequently will receive the award of €1,000.

The application deadline for the 2026 award is **April 30, 2026**.

Eligible submissions include accepted dissertations or the first book following the dissertation (either accepted or published). The publication should not date back more than two years. In certain cases, and after consultation with the deputy director of the Schneemelcher Kolleg, Lara Mührenberg (schneemelcher-kolleg@uni-bonn.de), graded theses (Bachelor's, Master's, Magister/Magistra, or exam papers), relevant journal articles, and other formats such as films, podcasts, or social media series may also be accepted.

Purpose

The award aims to support early-career scholars who contribute significantly to the study of ancient Christian literature and its reception in texts, images, and culture.

Requirements and Eligibility

Applications are welcome from various academic disciplines, such as theology, history, archaeology, literary studies, media studies, and philosophy. Applications are encouraged from individuals regardless of ethnicity, cultural or social background, gender, age, religion, disability, or sexual identity.

Application Requirements

To apply, please submit:

- A manuscript or publication (in German, English, or French) with a clear thematic connection to the purpose of the award.
- If unpublished, proof that the manuscript is a graded Bachelor's, Master's, Magister/Magistra, exam paper, or accepted dissertation.
- A completed application form.
- A brief explanation in German or English of how the submitted work addresses the topic of "ancient Christian literature and its reception" (in a broad sense).
- A three-page summary of the publication in German or English.
- If applicable, a detailed and meaningful recommendation from a recognized university professor (mandatory for theses and dissertations).

Please send all application documents digitally (PDF format only) to the deputy director of the Wilhelm Schneemelcher Kolleg, Lara Mührenberg (schneemelcher-kolleg@uni-bonn.de).

If none of the submitted works are deemed deserving of the award, the funds may be carried forward to the following year.

Decision Process

An interdisciplinary committee of renowned scholars will evaluate each submission. A member of the Schneemelcher family will participate on the committee in an advisory capacity. Applicants will be informed of the results by **June 30** of the same year. Applicants are not entitlement to a justification of the decision; legal recourse is excluded.

For further information, please contact:
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