

# Real Estate Research Prize 2021

## Application

## Advancement for the entire real estate industry

Well-targeted real-estate research should expedite progress in the real estate sector, one of the main pillars of the German economy.

To achieve this aim, since 1995 gif has awarded an annual research prize. Since then, about 800 papers have been submitted by students and doctoral candidates.

In the meantime, many of the prize-winners have started successful careers, either in academia or in professional practice.

gif e. V., together with DWS Group (DWS) and ZIA (German Property Federation), the sponsors of the prize, is proud to be able to make a contribution to the further development of the real estate sector.

The competition stimulates young people to special achievements and to exploit their potential for the industry.

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Since 1995, gif has promoted high-calibre academic papers on real estate related topics by awarding the Real Estate Research Prize.

The prize money, totalling 12.500 Euro, will be awarded to winners in the following categories:

- / Undergraduate dissertations  
(Bachelor theses)
- / Diploma/Master's theses
- / Doctorates/post-doctorates
- / Other theses/dissertations

Young academics are thereby given an incentive to take part in the competition with sound papers on current theoretical and/or practice-related topics.

The competition is aimed at students and doctoral candidates in architecture/planning, construction and engineering, business administration, facility management, geography and social sciences, real estate management, urban and regional planning, law and economics. Individuals and teams of authors from professional practice may also take part.

The background to and objective of the competition is to promote the real estate industry in terms of qualitative further development and academic groundwork and, at the same time, to motivate the upcoming generation to exceptional performance in confronting current and future-related problems of the real estate sector.

For the 2021 prize, real estate-related papers from the disciplines mentioned above may be submitted.

**Submission and Online-Application:**  
**[www.immobilien-forschungspreis.de](http://www.immobilien-forschungspreis.de)**  
**Deadline: June 1st 2021**

# Setting Common Standards

The gif Gesellschaft für Immobilienwirtschaftliche Forschung e. V. (Society of Property Researchers, Germany) was founded in 1993 by 27 representatives from universities and colleges and from the development, real estate and financial sectors. The society now has more than 1,300 members.

The aim of the society is to promote real estate research. To this end, gif e. V. undertakes the

- / Networking of different market participants,
- / Provision of an information and discussion forum for relevant questions,
- / Identification of fields of study and the derivation of research activities,
- / Support for research and teaching, together with
- / Definition, further development and improvement of professional standards.

The society acts on an interdisciplinary basis and aims to provide a bespoke link between theory and practice – an aim that should also be strengthened and supported by the gif Real Estate Research Prize.

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1. Eligible to enter are students, doctoral candidates or academic members of staff from the following courses of study: architecture/planning, construction and engineering, business administration, facility management, geography and social sciences, real estate management, urban and regional planning, law, and economics. The category „Sonstige wissenschaftliche Arbeiten (other scientific research papers)“ was created especially for  
/ working papers, which were not graded papers for a university course,  
/ scientific project reports of public and private real estate research projects,  
/ scientific papers/essays of cumulative dissertations.
2. The participation is limited to one paper of either individuals or a single member of a team of authors or teams of authors. All members of a team of authors must comply with the conditions of entry and submit an application of the documents referred to in 5. If a team receives a prize, the corresponding remuneration will be awarded to the group. In the event that no papers worthy of a prize are submitted, no prize, or only part of the prize money offered, may be awarded. Persons employed by the DWS Group or ZIA at the deadline for submission of the paper for the gif Real Estate Research Prize are excluded from entry.
3. The deadline for entries is June 1st 2021 (date of postmark).
4. To be submitted are exclusively original papers, models or drawings, the official assessment of which may not be more than 18 months before the deadline stated above. These must be provided in duplicate (simply bound) paper copies and in unprotected electronic format. Individual documents must be combined in a single Word or PDF file. The file may not exceed 10 MB. No liability of any kind can be accepted for loss, unauthorised use or damage to the documents submitted. There is no right to return of the submitted copies. The work must be written in English or German.
5. The following must be enclosed with the paper submitted:  
/ short professional/education-related CV (tabular form)  
/ Information on the institution, the field of study of the university/college concerned, the organisation etc.  
/ Official confirmation of student.  
/ signed declaration (for groups by all members) that the entrant and/or the group has produced the work independently, with no help from unreferenced other parties.  
/ diploma and/or assessment report(s) of doctoral dissertations (“Dissertationen”)
6. By entering the prize competition by submitting a paper, each entrant grants the Gesellschaft für Immobilienwirtschaftliche Forschung e. V. the following rights to the work submitted, free of charge  
/ to duplicate the original in any form and to any extent, in particular to make copies and electronic copies (e.g. on CD ROM or for electronic databases) primarily for review and prize selection purposes;  
/ to provide the copies so produced to its members participating in the review and selection process, to the members of the jury and to the DWS Group and ZIA as sponsors of the competition.  
/ to provide it to all gif-members. Doctoral dissertations (“Dissertationen”) and post-doctoral theses (“Habilitationen”) are exempted from this condition.
7. The award of prizes is to be solely decided by the Jury and the committee of gif. They may verify the respective suitability and decide on the admittance of entrants. They are also authorised to refuse entry or to revoke it retrospectively. The jury consists of academics and practitioners. The members of the jury are appointed by the gif board members. Their choice of the prizewinning entries is final. All submitted papers will be checked for plagiarism.



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- 8.** The prize-winner generally undertakes to make him- or herself available for a presentation of the chosen paper. He/she also undertakes to be present at the award ceremony and the associated press conference and to publish an article in the journals of gif (e.g. newsletter). The relevant dates will be announced well in advance.
- 9. DATA PROTECTION**

  - 9.1.** The Society collects, processes and utilises personal data on entrants for the Real Estate Research Prize (particulars of personal and material circumstances) using data processing (IT) facilities in fulfilment of the objectives and functions in accordance with these conditions of entry, for example for the purposes of administration of entrants' data. This concerns in particular the following entrants' data: Name and address, bank details, telephone numbers (landline and mobile), and email address, date of birth, particulars of educational and vocational qualifications, employers, particulars of research work and the current work, grade of thesis or assessment results by the appraiser.
  - 9.2.** Because of contracts with sponsors, gif is obligated to report certain personal data to the sponsors. The following information on all entrants will be communicated: Name, details of research work and institution of higher education. In addition, for the prizewinners, details of awards and funding will be communicated.
  - 9.3.** The assessor commissioned to appraise the research work submitted will be provided with the work and details of the institution of higher education.
  - 9.4.** In the scope of selection of the prizewinners, the following data will be communicated to the jury members: Name, details of research work and institution of higher education, assessor's report and marks.
  - 9.5.** In association with the promotion of research and the award ceremony, the Society publishes personal data and photos of the prizewinners in its journal, in electronic newsletters and on its website. It also supplies data and photos for publication in print, broadcast and electronic media. This relates in particular to the name of the entrant, details of research work and institution of higher education, and details of awards and funding.

An entrant may notify the board at any time of his or her objection to the publication of individual personal photographs. Following receipt of the objection, publication/communication of the photos will be stopped and the Society will delete existing photographs from its website.
  - 9.6.** By making application and the associated acceptance of these conditions of entry, entrants consent to the collection, processing (storage, alteration, communication) and utilisation of their personal data in the above-mentioned scope and extent.
- 10.** The sponsors reserve the right to make changes in the conditions of entry or other conditions.
- 11.** The Gesellschaft für Immobilienwirtschaftliche Forschung e. V. is only responsible for loss, damage or unauthorised use of the submitted work - irrespective of legal basis - if the damage was the result of culpable breach of a fundamental duty in a way that would jeopardise the achievement of the purposes of the contract or was the result of gross negligence or deliberate act. If the Gesellschaft für Immobilienwirtschaftliche Forschung e. V. is liable for the breach of a fundamental duty where there was no gross negligence or deliberate act, its liability is limited to the extent of the loss to which the association should typically expect on the basis of the circumstances known to it at this point in time. Liability for culpable loss of life, injury or damage to health is not affected by this condition.