

Press Release DAAD Prize

Faces of the EHB: DAAD Prize awarded for the first time

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As part of the *ehb.forscht* event, the Evangelische Hochschule Berlin (EHB) / Protestant University of Applied Sciences Berlin awarded the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) prize to an international student. The award goes to Agnieszka Pestka from the Social Work degree program.

The DAAD prize, which is endowed with the sum of €1,000 for every university taking part in the program, is aimed at outstanding and particularly committed international students. This prize was awarded for the very first time this year at the EHB. The award ceremony took place on November 9th from 11-11.30 a.m. and was part of the *ehb.forscht* event on that day. More than 80 participants were connected online and were able to follow the input of the award winner, who presented her research to the interested audience, together with the guests on site.

The award, which was set up by the DAAD more than ten years ago, is intended to give international students at German universities a face and to connect them all with their stories. This makes it clear that every single international student takes something of Germany back to their home country and, at the same time, leaves something of themselves here. This is definitely an enrichment for both sides.

This year's prize went to BA student Agnieszka Pestka who studies in the Social Work program. After graduating in Poland with a degree in International Relations and working, among other things, as an interpreter for the street outpatient team of the Berlin City Mission within the framework of numerous initiatives to support refugees and the homeless, she started studying at the ehb in April 2020. Due to the corona pandemic, everything was online and it was an eLearning start to her studies. She has continued to work intensively for the needs of refugees alongside her studies. During the award ceremony, she introduced herself and gave a brief overview of her research to the guests and participants who were attending the event.

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