



Ulm, October 26, 2025

Dear Madame, dear Sir,

You have requested the terms of application for our Hermann EISELEN-Science Award 2026. Please find enclosed the regulations as well as a prepared letter, which in case you will participate, should be sent to us by post together with three printed copies of your scientific work as well as the other requested documents.

Please pay attention to our deadline: **April 30, 2026** (date of the postmark).

Thank you very much for your interest.

Kind regards,

Foundation fiat panis

Dr. Andrea Fadani
Executive Director

Enclosures

Your application should be accompanied by **three copies** of following documents:

- scientific work (PhD-thesis or post-doctoral work/article)
- Doctoral certificate
- CV with scientific career
- 5-pages summary of filed work
- 2-pages essay regarding relevance of the submitted work for the objective of the award
- at least one article published or accepted for publication in an internationally recognized journal (ISI-Web-listed journal)
- report by academic supervisor concerning the submitted work
- list of applied / tested applications of the results
- agreement to the terms of application (see attached page 3)
- list of previous scientific publications (optional)

Please fill in name and address (clearly legible):

Date

Foundation fiat panis
Syrinstr. 7
89073 Ulm

With the enclosed scientific work, I apply for the Hermann Eiselen-Science Award 2026.

Hereby I affirm,

- 1) that the work is neither intellectual property of a third party nor any literature is used without quotation,
- 2) that the work is not a diploma or master thesis.

I accept the terms of application of October 26, 2025.

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Place

Date

Signature

Terms and conditions of application

Hermann Eiselen-Science Award 2026 of the Foundation fiat panis

The Eiselen-Foundation presented this science award every two years since 1986 with the aim of supporting young academics whose work focuses on helping to reduce hunger and malnutrition in developing countries. This has been continued by the Foundation fiat panis since 2010.

Until 2020, the prize was named after Prof. Dr. Josef G. Knoll (1899 - 1976). In 2021, we learned of Prof. Knoll's membership in the SS. All committees of the Foundation fiat panis distanced themselves from Prof. Knoll due to the current findings about his activities within the SS during the Nazi regime by renaming the science award named after him as a visible sign.

The science award of the Foundation fiat panis will from now on bear the name *Hermann Eiselen-Science Award*. This will honour the founder, make his person more visible and highlight his engagement to promote scientific work in the field of food security.

1. The value of the award is EUR 30,000. It can be divided between up to three recipients (a minimum of EUR 10,000 per award winner). An independent scientific jury decides on the award. We reserve the right to withhold or to grant only part of the total amount. The decision is up to the jury.

The objective of the award is to encourage young academics whose research concentrates on solutions to mitigate hunger in food deficit countries. The research findings must be user-oriented and suitable to contribute towards:

- improving the status of food and nutrition security of a certain local population;
- reducing the impact of hunger (undernutrition and malnutrition).

The work can deal with one of the following disciplines:

- Agricultural sciences:
 - Plant production, plant protection and plant breeding;
 - Soil sciences;
 - Animal production, including animal hygiene, fishery and aquaculture;
 - Agricultural engineering;
- Agricultural economics and social sciences of developing countries;
- Ecology and biology;
- Resource management and protection, including water;
- Nutrition sciences;
- Geosciences;
- Food technology;

- Post-harvest management;
- Agroforestry.

Preference is given to scientific work that shows how the research findings are applied. Of particular interest is scientific work conceived and carried out with the participation of indigenous populations of the target area and whose results have been tested under the conditions of the country to which they relate.

Please list the applications of the results and / or trials and describe their effects.

2. Eligible are individuals under the age of 40 and teams whose members have not reached their 40th birthday by the application deadline, providing they have successfully completed a doctorate at a European university. A curriculum vitae must be submitted. Please also indicate in the curriculum vitae how much time you have spent during field research in the study area or with the affected population. Please also inform us about your past or current social or political commitment at home or in the study area. We reserve the right to request verification of dates of birth.
3. Those eligible to apply are as follows:
 - a) Academics who have completed their doctoral thesis and who have had at least one article published or accepted for publication in an internationally recognized journal (ISI-Web-listed journal);
 - b) Academics who have submitted their *Habilitationsschrift* (post-doctoral thesis), accepted by the relevant university committees.

Applicants are requested to provide proof that these requirements are met.

4. The submitted work should - at the time of application - be published or submitted for publishing. The date of publication should be not more than two years prior the application deadline. The work can be in German or English; three printed copies must be submitted. The submitted work will remain with the Foundation.

Each work must include a summary, written in German or English, consisting of not more than five pages. The summary should contain:

- Definition of the research problem;
 - Research questions;
 - Objective of the research;
 - Methodological approach;
 - Empirical background, data base and results.
5. Applicants must affirm that the work does not violate the intellectual property of any third party, that no literature has been used without referencing and that the submitted work is not an undergraduate project or a Master's thesis.
 6. Applicants must also submit an essay (maximum two pages) that explains the relevance of the submitted work with regard to the objective of the award.

In addition, a report by the academic supervisor concerning the submitted work is required.

Applicants may add a list of their previous scientific publications. Only work with full supporting documentation will be considered.

7. A jury, which is composed of three distinguished university teachers and appointed by the Foundation's board of trustees, decides which scientific works are honoured. The jury makes its decisions with a simple majority of votes. It may consult further experts.

The jury will not give reasons for its decisions.

8. The deadline for all applications is **April 30, 2026** (date of postmark). Once the jury process has been completed, by early August 2026 at the latest, all applicants will be informed of the decisions of the jury.
9. The award(s) will be presented during Tropentag 2026, to which the award winner(s) will be invited in due course. **The personal participation of the winner is expected.** Travel expenses are to be carried by the prizewinner themselves. At this event the award winner(s) will be obliged to give a brief presentation of the relevant content of their work.
10. The Foundation will not publish any submitted work or claim any rights. It is, however, entitled to announce and publish the names of the award winners, the title and summary of the successful work.
11. The decision of the jury is final and may not be contested in any way. Applicants have to refrain from legal action of any kind.
12. In submitting their work, applicants agree to the above terms and conditions of application.

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Dr. Hermann Eiselen

02.03.1926 – 21.06.2009



Dr. Hermann Eiselen was born in Nagold, Germany in 1926. He studied economics in Stuttgart and Heidelberg and was awarded his PhD in 1951 at the University of Goettingen. After a 9-months stay in the United States, he joined the family business (food industry – manufacturing of bakery supplies) in 1954 as managing director and developed it successfully. In 1980 before the business was sold, he employed almost 500 people. Together with his father, Dr. h. c. Willy Eiselen (1896 - 1981), Dr. Hermann Eiselen was co-founder of the Father and Son Eiselen Foundation (1978). He was chairman of the Foundation until June 2001. In numerous essays, lectures and speeches, he increasingly devoted himself to the questions of world nutrition, food security and the overcoming of poverty. He stressed the prominent role of agricultural research in the reduction of hunger and poverty in developing countries.

Influenced by own hunger experiences after the Second World War, it was an obligation to Dr. Hermann Eiselen that the German civil society is fighting against hunger in the world. Thus, he translated the slogan of the international Organization for Food and Agriculture (FAO) "Fiat Panis" into German and formulated the demand "everyone should have enough food", with the emphasis on "everyone".

For many years, the Eiselen Foundation was the only foundation in Germany dedicated to the improvement of world nutrition and reducing hunger in the world. The tasks of supporting research and awarding science awards have been continued since 2010 by the Foundation fiat panis, which was created by Dr Hermann Eiselen in 2001.

Dr. Hermann Eiselen has been widely honored for his work. Since 1984 he was an honorary senator of the Universities of Ulm and Hohenheim. In 1996, he was awarded the Merit Medal of state of Baden-Wuerttemberg. In 2002 his work was honored with the first-class Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. In 2003, he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Hohenheim for his services to promote the fight against hunger and poverty in the world. In 2004, the Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture at the Humboldt University in Berlin awarded him the Albrecht-Daniel-Thaer-Medal in silver.

Honorary Senator Dr. Dr. h.c. Hermann Eiselen passed away on June 21, 2009, aged 83, after a short period of illness.