

ReDi

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Submit your master thesis to the Anders Bäckström Prize 2024!

Professor emeritus in the Sociology of Religion Anders Bäckström (Uppsala University) has founded a fund to support research on diaconia, Christian social practice, welfare and religion, and in particular young researchers in this field. The Anders Bäckström Fund is placed at the University of Uppsala. The call is now open to nominate theses for the 2024 prize to be awarded at the ReDi Conference 2025 in South Africa. New applications are welcome until January 10, 2025.

What type of theses can apply?

All post-bachelor theses and master theses (but no PhD theses) that relate to the field of diaconia and Christian Social Practice or welfare and religion in a broad sense are eligible. There are no limitations with regard to length or grade of the thesis. A precondition is, however, that the author of the thesis must have passed the program connected to the thesis.

Does the thesis have to be in English?

It is the ambition of the Anders Bäckström Prize not to limit itself to master theses written in English. Only an abstract and a short recommendation letter (max. one page) of the supervisor have to be in English. However, it cannot be guaranteed that the evaluation committee is able to recruit evaluators in all possible languages. But please do not hesitate to give it a try!

Who can apply?

Either the candidates themselves or their supervisors can apply.

What does the prize winner get?

The prize winner receives 1000 € and a certificate. Since it is awarded at the Biannual Conference of the International Society for the Research and Study of Diaconia and Christian Social Practice (ReDi) the prize covers also all expenses that are related to the participation in this conference (including conference fee, travel and accommodation).

Timetable and process

Deadline for submitting the masters thesis is **10 January 2025**. The masters thesis should be sent to anders.sjoborg@teol.uu.se (Subject: AB Prize 2024) together with an abstract and a short recommendation letter (max one page) of the supervisor.