

2026

# Science Award for Supply Chain Management

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Call for Entries and  
Terms and Conditions

## Have you researched an application-oriented research question? Are you advancing logistics and SCM?

The Science Award of Supply Chain Management reflects the importance of logistics and supply chain management and emphasizes the need for scientific research in order to continuously improve efficiency and sustainability in this area. It therefore promotes young scientists and contributes to the development of innovative solutions that can advance industry and trade as well as society.

Now for the 35rd time, the BVL awards this prize to young scientists who's academically outstanding work is particularly relevant to practice and thus ideally suited for implementation in everyday working life. It also recognizes the supervising institutes, as it is from there that

decisive impulses are sent out and the necessary conditions for goal-oriented work have been created.

Following a shortlisting process by the jury, the top-ranked entries will be presented at the BVL Supply Chain CX 2026 in Berlin during a pitch session. This is where the finalists will take to a big stage! **Deliver.Now.** – the event's motto distils into two distinct imperatives that formulate an unambiguous call to action. They address logistics and supply chain management regarding performance, reliability, service levels and SLA compliance – whilst simultaneously implying a clear mandate for design and research within logistics science.

Taking the presentation into account, an independent jury will decide on the awardee of the Science Award for Supply Chain Management 2026. The Science Award for Supply Chain Management is endowed with € 5,000 and is being supported by Dachser SE this year. The awardee, the supervising institute and all finalists will receive a certificate.

## Terms of participation

- For the application for the Science Award of Supply Chain Management submissions from doctoral candidates, post-doctoral candidates and their supervisors are admitted.
  - Only theses that have been completed by June 30, 2026, i.e. for which the disputation or viva has been successfully completed, can be considered. At the same time, the work must not be older than three years. It is not mandatory that the work has already been published in a book.
  - The work must be an application-oriented question, in which a benefit that is comprehensible for practice is demonstrated. The forms of implementation must be described or comprehensible approaches to implementation must be shown.
  - A focus on specific industries and logistical functions is not mandatory, but a presentation of the results for reference industries or functions is desirable.
  - The thesis has received the highest possible grade in accordance with the doctoral regulations of the relevant faculty/university (highest honours).
  - Compliance with the formal conditions will be checked by the BVL office.
- The following aspects should be elaborated in your letter of application:**
- the scientific claim
  - the connection to logistics
  - the innovative content
  - the practical relevance



Experienced specialists will evaluate your work:



**Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Wolfgang Kersten**  
Chairman of the Jury, Institute Director, Institute of Business Logistics and General Management, Hamburg University of Technology, Scientific Advisory Board, BVL



**Dr. Henning Blunck**  
Department Head, Routing & Operations Research, DHL Data & Analytics, Deutsche Post DHL Group, Bonn



**Dr.-Ing. Julia Boppert**  
Managing Director, trilogiQa, Munich, Finalist, Science Award for Supply Chain Management 2008, Research Council, BVL



**Dr. Inga Lena Darkow**  
Digitalization of Business, AI Solutions for Business and Supply Chains, BASF, Ludwigshafen



**Dr. Michael Krings**  
Managing Partner, TCC The Commerce Company AG, Zug, Switzerland  
Zug, Schweiz



**Prof. Dr.-Ing. Ludger Overmeyer**  
Institute Director, Institute of Transport and Automation Technology, Leibniz University Hannover, Scientific Advisory Board, BVL



**Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stefan E. A. Recknagel**  
Vice President Spare Part Logistics, BSH Hausgeräte GmbH, Fürth



**Prof. Dr. Martin Schwemmer**  
Professor of International Transport Economics and Logistics, Heilbronn University of Applied Sciences



**Prof. Dr. Carl M. Wallenburg**  
Professor, Logistics and Services Management, WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management, Düsseldorf, Scientific Advisory Board, BVL  
Awardee, Science Award of Supply Chain Management 2004

## Previous award awardees

2025 Dr.-Ing. Carolin Brenner | 2024 Jun.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. Sebastian Lang | 2023 Dr. Ing. Mirko Kück | 2022 Dr. Arne Heinold | 2021 Dr. Pascal Notz | 2020 Dr. Felix Weidinger | 2019 Dr.-Ing. Sascha Feldhorst | 2018 Dr.-Ing. Eva Klenk | 2017 Dr.-Ing. Sebastian Rank | 2016 Dr.-Ing. Max Gath und Dr.-Ing. Zäzilia Seibold | 2015 Dr.-Ing. Tobias Krühn | 2014 Dr. Matthias Winkenbach | 2013 Dr. Mayolo Alberto López Castellanos | 2012 Dr. Jennifer Schwarz und Dr.-Ing. Martin Keßler | 2011 Dr. Jochen Gönsch | 2010 Dr.-Ing. Arne Schuldt | 2009 Dr.-Ing. Sebastian Meißner | 2008 Dr. Moritz Gomm | 2007 Dr.-Ing. Marc Schleyer | 2006 Dr. Gernot Liedtke | 2005 Dr. Ralf Elbert | 2004 Dr. Carl Marcus Wallenburg | 2003 Dr. Thorsten Klaas | 2002 Dr. Hermann Lödding | 2001 Dr. Stephan Dürrschmidt | 2000 Dr. Mechthild Erdmann | 1999 Dr. Martin Kaupp | 1998 Dr.-Ing. Markus Greiling | 1997 Dr. Uta Schneider | 1996 Dr. Holger Beckmann | 1995 Dr.-Ing. Jürgen Gläißner | 1994 Dr.-Ing. Stefan Wolff | 1993 Dr. Wilhelm-Achim Hosenfeld | 1992 Dr. Stephan Freichel

## Please submit your work as follows in a two-stage procedure:

**Stage 1** (digital only, in one PDF file, by e-mail to [forschung@bvl.de](mailto:forschung@bvl.de))

- Informal cover letter to the jury showing the fulfilment of the evaluation criteria
- Abstract of the thesis (max. three DIN A4 pages)
- Brief description of the content of the work for use on social media
- Complete outline of the work
- CV in tabular form
- Letter of support from the supervising professor
- List of publications
- Declaration by the submitter whether the work has been submitted in another procedure of the same kind

The submission must be made in German or English.

*Deadline for entries is June 30, 2026.*

**Stage 2** (digital only, in a PDF file, by e-mail to [forschung@bvl.de](mailto:forschung@bvl.de))

After a pre-selection by the jury, the most promising applicants will be asked to submit the complete dissertation in mid/end-August 2026.

*The final will take place within the framework of the **BVL Supply Chain CX 2026**. Please note the date: October 21, 2026 from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m., the award ceremony is planned for the evening.*

## Advice and help with the application process

For further information on the application process, please contact:



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*There is no right of appeal.*