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The Grand Solutions Prize 2020

With the Grand Solutions Prize Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD) seeks to celebrate and promote excellent research-based innovation that targets current problems and challenges in society and/or industry.

Aim

We wish to honour and reward outstanding project participants who generate or have generated remarkable value in a successful Grand Solutions project funded by Innovation Fund Denmark.

The prize winners are expected to act as role models and inspire future Grand Solutions project candidates.

The prize should thereby spur further growth and employment in Denmark and/or solutions to substantial Danish societal challenges. Furthermore, it should contribute to promoting general knowledge on the impact of public investment in research and innovation.

The Prize

- The prize is given to one or more active researchers at either a company conducting research, a university, other research institutions or institutions within the GTS – Advanced Technology Groups.
- The prize is given to one specific project and may be awarded to 1-3 of the project's key participants.

The prize winners will collectively receive DKK 1 million for research activities within their own, a new or cross-disciplinary field to be used within three years of being awarded. In addition to this, a personal merit award of DKK 200,000 is awarded.

IFD presents the Grand Solutions Prize at a special event at the beginning of 2020.

Nomination

Nominations for the Grand Solutions Prize may be submitted by companies, individuals, stakeholders from the entrepreneurship eco system, universities, research institutions, GTS (Advanced Technology Group) institutions as well as relevant trade organisations or public institutions.

Candidates cannot submit a nomination in their own name.

Nominations of both women and men are encouraged.

Nominations are submitted through e-grant, IFD's online application system. The nomination should contain a motivational statement, including an exact description of the project's value creation in a short- and long-term perspective and the project's pace of development, efficiency and implementation. Special focus should be given to a description and documentation of the project's impact on the level of the individual participant, the institution/company and society. The candidate's or the candidates' specific and quantitative contributions are to be clearly stated, as well as the reason why they are seen as positive role models for future Grand Solutions project participants.

Relevant documentation, for example publications, patents and/or patent applications, financial or statistical data or other data documenting any claimed impact on society or companies, as well as the candidates' CV should be included in the nomination.

The prize can only be awarded to key participants in projects that have received an investment from IFD through the Grand Solutions programme. The project should be ongoing or be concluded after 3 November 2014.

Assessment criteria

The project in which the candidates have been working, should have created great value or have the potential to create great value for Danish society in the way of specific and verifiable results. It should also demonstrate the value of collaboration between publicly or privately funded research and business/society.

The project and the candidate will be assessed specifically on the basis of

1. Value creation within the project period

- II. The documented, expected and potential value creation after the project's conclusion
- III. The project's pace of development and efficient use of resources
- IV. The project's ability to implement its results in an efficient way in society/business
- v. The candidate's or candidates' exceptional contribution to the project, such as project management, research or other duties or responsibilities in the project
- VI. The candidate's potential as a role model and source of inspiration for future participants in Grand Solutions projects

Assessment process

The nominated projects and candidates for the Grand Solutions Prize are scientifically assessed by IFD's Scientific Officers, Scientific Evaluators and management, who will recommend candidates to the IFD Board of Directors who will ultimately select the winners.

Nomination deadline

Deadline for submitting nominations is 5 November 2019 at 12:00 CET. The nomination form is available on e-grant.

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