

Call:

The Industrial Researcher Prize 2020

With the Industrial Researcher Prize Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD) seeks to celebrate the most talented industrial researchers who have succeeded in combining excellent research with value creation for one or more companies based in Denmark.

Aim

We wish to honour and reward outstandingly talented Industrial PhDs or Industrial Postdocs who have demonstrated exceptional research results and evident impact.

The right candidate works with a high level of scientific insight with a strong business sense, and he/she has generated commercial value for a company.

As well as honouring special talents the prize should motivate companies, organisations and bright candidates to begin a focused Industrial PhD or Industrial Postdoc project. The prize should thereby stimulate growth and employment in Denmark and/or solutions of significant societal challenges.

In 2020 three talented industrial researchers will be rewarded.

The Prize

The Prize is awarded to a candidate who is conducting or has conducted an Industrial PhD or Industrial Postdoc project as part of IFD's Industrial Researcher programme.

The prize candidate's project should be ongoing or be concluded after 3 November 2014. Prize candidates from all scientific fields and all industries are eligible.

Each prize winner will receive a personal merit award of DKK 50,000 that may be used at the prize winner's discretion.

IFD presents the prizes at a special event at the beginning of 2020.

Nomination

Nominations for the Industrial Researcher Prize may be submitted by companies, individuals, stakeholders from the entrepreneurship eco system, universities, research institutions, technology transfer organisations, 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 research and the generated results, description and documentation of the specific value creation in the company/organisation and the candidate's specific contribution. Furthermore, it should be stated why the candidate is seen as a positive role model for new industrial researchers.

Relevant documentation such as publications, patents and patent applications, business data or other data documenting any claimed impact, as well as the candidate's CV should be included in the nomination.

Assessment criteria

The candidate will be assessed specifically on the basis of

- I. The candidate's potential as a researcher and his/her contribution to excellent research
- II. The candidate's specific contribution to value creation in the company/organisations and his/her general business understanding
- III. The candidate's potential as a role model for others with regard to the special industrial researcher profile and the promotion of Innovation Fund Denmark's industrial researcher programme.

Assessment process

The nominated candidates for the Industrial Researcher Prize are scientifically assessed by selected members of IFD's Industrial Researcher team, scientific

officers and management. They will then recommend candidates to the IFD Board of Directors who will select the winner.

This year's prizes will be presented at a special event at the beginning of 2020.

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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