

## **Call:**

### **The Innovator Prize 2020**

With the Innovator Prize, Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD) seeks to celebrate the exceptional inventor and innovator, who can document significant results in one or more Danish companies.

#### **Aim**

IFD wishes to honour and reward an individual or a team who through new knowledge and excellent research, has generated innovative products, processes, services or market breakthroughs of great value to one or more companies in Denmark.

The winner of the Innovator Prize is expected to act as an inspirational role model for the very value creating research in typically private companies and thus help spur further growth and employment in Denmark.

IFD will in 2020 present one Innovator Prize to either a person or a team of up to 3 persons.

#### **The Prize**

If the prize winner is a team (2 or 3 persons) they will each receive a personal merit award of DKK 100,000. If the prize winner is a single individual, he/she will receive a personal merit award of DKK 200,000.

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

#### **Nomination**

Nominations for the Innovator 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, and should contain a motivational statement, including an exact description of the applied scientific knowledge, the nature of the innovation and the vision compared to state-of-the-art.

The specific value created for the company or companies should be clearly described and documented in detail.

The candidate's specific contribution should be made clear, as should the reason why the candidate or the team as innovator(s) and inventor(s) are considered to be positive role models for the link between excellent research and specific value creation in one or more companies in Denmark.

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

The prize can be awarded to a person or a team that has taken part in Innovation Fund Denmark's programme, but this is not a requirement.

### **Assessment criteria**

The nominated candidates will be assessed specifically on the basis of

- I. The implementation of new knowledge or excellent research, the nature of the innovation and the vision comparing to state-of-the-art
- II. The documented value creation in the company or companies
- III. The candidate's or the team's specific contribution to the value creation in the company
- IV. The candidate's or the team's potential to act as role model for others in their capacity of innovators and inventors, who can further strengthen the link between the use of new knowledge and/or excellent research and actual value creation in one or more companies in Denmark.

### **Assessment process**

The nominated candidates for the Innovator 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 select the winner.

### **Nomination deadline**

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

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