



**BLUE SKY YOUNG RESEARCHERS INNOVATION AWARD  
FOR THE GLOBAL FOREST PRODUCTS SECTOR  
2018-2019**

**1. The idea**

By using the angle of innovation, we aim to stimulate competition between students and young researchers carrying out projects in a wide range of activities relevant to forest-based science, products using forest-based raw materials, process improvements or other innovations throughout the value chain. The Blue Sky Young Researchers Innovation Award takes place every two years and grants up to three awards to the most attractive submissions during each global CEO Roundtable promoted by the International Council of Forests and Paper Associations (ICFPA). The award will be awarded in 2019 in Canada.

The award is not only about research and development; it is about innovation and about being inspirational, interesting and moving towards the bioeconomy.

**2. The International Reward**

After a transparent and objective selection process, the winning submissions will have the opportunity to present their project in front of an audience of global forest products industries CEOs at the occasion of the CEO Roundtable. Travel expenses to Canada and accommodation will also be sponsored by the Blue Sky Young Researchers Innovation Award. Only three submissions will be selected to the international reward. Each country will nominate up to three candidates to compete internationally after going through the national selection. Final applicants will be requested to submit a short video describing their projects.

**3. Eligibility**

Applicants must be students or other researchers under age 30, carrying out research and innovation projects relevant for forestry, forest products processing technologies and forest products in an academia, public or private research center, company research and innovation department.

#### 4. Theme

### “Forest based products and services – How disruptive technologies are revolutionizing the future”

The theme includes 2 sub areas, but not limited to:

#### a) Future Generation Forestry

- Forest tree breeding and biotechnology
- Precision forestry
- Measurements and inventory

#### Innovation in the Wood-Based Industry

- Analysis and properties of pulp and paper
- Facilities, instrument and process control
- Bioproducts and wood chemistry
- Recycling, deinking and environment
- Timber for construction
- Material substitution with wood

#### 5. Schedule

PERIOD	ACTION
Mar - Jul 2018	Announcement and call for applications
Jul– Oct 2018	Regional evaluation of applications (short list)
Oct- Dec 2018	Presentations + regional definition of candidates
Jan-Mar 2019	Global pre-selection
Mar-Apr 2019	Global Final Selection
May 2019	Presentations and international reward

#### 6. Application

Applicants are invited to submit their application containing the following documents:

- Short CV (maximum one page)
- Summary of the project, including:
  - 500 words; double spacing; font Calibri 12
  - Objectives
  - Description of the project
  - Summary of Methodology
  - Expected results
  - Why is it relevant for the forest products industries
  - What makes it innovative
  - How is it fitting with the selected theme
- One letter of Support

Applications and deadlines are defined by local/regional association. Please contact your association should you require any additional information.

For general information please contact [info@icfpa.org](mailto:info@icfpa.org).