



Marcus Wallenberg Prize Ceremony, Young Researchers' Challenge 2018 – Apply now and take the chance to network and present your research!

OPEN TO PhD STUDENTS AND PostDocs FROM FINNISH UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES

The Marcus Wallenberg Foundation together with Forest Products Engineers (PI), Jaakko Pöyry Foundation, LUKE and VTT invites applications to Young Researchers' Challenge with the chance to win a spot at the Prize ceremony and banquet in honour of the 2018 Marcus Wallenberg Prize Winner. This will be held in Stockholm on 24 September.

Along with a unique opportunity to present your research to leading scientists and representatives of the forest-based industry from all over the world, you will also be given extensive opportunities to network with your fellow young researchers active in the areas of interest to the forest-based sector. The whole program will range from 23 to 26 September.

This year's Marcus Wallenberg Prize recognizes achievements in the field of tree nutrition, see www.mwp.org. As the challenges for the forest-based sector grow, the understanding of the structure and function of trees and forest ecosystems as well as the development of innovative, value-added products and technologies is becoming more and more important. For that, your contribution is essential.

Your Task

Briefly describe your research and why you think it will have an impact on the forest-based industry and society as whole. Present your vision for the development you want to promote with your research and how current obstacles can be overcome. You are free to discuss opportunities in a wide range of research and business areas in the sector.

We invite researchers no older than 35 years, post docs or PhD students, based in Finland, to participate. Please send an abstract to susanna.lahdesmaki@puunjalostusinsinoorit.fi. Your contribution should not exceed 200 words and **must be submitted not later than 15 June 2018**. Please indicate also if you are a member of Forest Products Engineers (PI). After evaluation, some 10 contributions will be selected to be invited to the 2018 MWP Prize Ceremony and extended program. We then welcome all winning participants to submit a short abstract on the research project to be presented in a poster session.

Chance to win:

- Grant of 800 € to cover travel to Stockholm and accommodation for three nights in Stockholm on 23-26 September.
- Starting early afternoon on 23 September the program includes lectures and guided visits in the Stockholm area on 23 and 26 September, with the opportunity to network with fellow scientists, including overview presentations by members of the MWP Selection Committee and others.
- On 24 September, you will be given the opportunity to present your research in a "3 Minute Presentation" to your fellow young researchers and the MWP Selection Committee members who will moderate the session and act as a jury.
- Ceremony & Banquet to be held in the evening of 24 September in the presence of Their Majesties the King and Queen of Sweden (dress code black tie).
- Symposium to be held on 25 September on the theme of this year's Prize.
- A poster session in connection with the Symposium where you will have the opportunity to present and discuss your research with leading scientists and industry representatives.
- After the symposium, you will get the opportunity to interact with this year's prize winner.