



## Marcus Wallenberg Prize Ceremony, Young Researchers' Challenge 2019 – Apply now for the opportunity to network and present your research!

### **OPEN TO PhD STUDENTS AND POST DOCS 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 2019 Marcus Wallenberg Prize Winner. This will be held in Stockholm on 7 October.

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 6 to 9 October.

This year's Marcus Wallenberg Prize recognizes the research and knowledge transfer behind Cross-laminated timber, CLT, see [www.mwp.org](http://www.mwp.org). The development of CLT explains the expansion of multi-storey wood buildings throughout the world. Gerhard Schickhofer is awarded the 2019 Marcus Wallenberg Prize for development of this stable and eco-friendly material. The improvement of innovative, value-added products and technologies based on renewable raw materials is more and more recognized as part of the solution to counteract climate change. 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](mailto:susanna.lahdesmaki@puunjalostusinsinoorit.fi). Your contribution should not exceed 200 words and must be submitted not later than 5 June 2019.** 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 2019 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 6-9 October. (The pitching training session attendance is required.)
- Starting early afternoon on 6 October the program includes lectures and guided visits in the Stockholm area on 6 and 9 October, including overview presentations by members of the MWP Selection Committee and others, and with the opportunity to network with fellow scientists.
- On 7 October, you will be given the opportunity to present your research in a "3-Minute Presentation" session to your fellow young researchers and the MWP Selection Committee members who will moderate the session and act as jury.
- Ceremony & Banquet to be held in the evening of 7 October in the presence of Their Majesties the King and Queen of Sweden (dress code black tie).
- Symposium to be held on 8 October on the theme of this year's Prize.
- A short 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.

*In addition, a pitching training session will be organized for the Finnish participants at Espoo on 12 September.*