

In 2016 the Ernst-Abbe-Fonds will be presenting the

Carl Zeiss Award for Young Researchers

for the very first time. The prize honors promising young researchers in the field of optics and photonics which have recently published a distinguished scientific paper in a peer-reviewed international journal. It focusses on outstanding postdocs or junior group leaders with a PhD-degree (or equivalent) not older than three years.

A sum of 21,000 € has been allocated to the award, this will be split into three equal parts of 7,000 € each.

Applicants are invited to apply directly for themselves, but should attach three letters of support from university professors (or comparable). They are eligible if being employed at a university or non-university research institute worldwide. Employees of industrial companies however are ineligible.

The prize criteria include the paper's originality, innovative power and methodological rigour, as well as the applicant's scientific career and reputation.

The board of trustees of the Ernst-Abbe-Fonds is responsible for selecting the laureates. It will base its decision on the recommendations of a prize jury which is composed of internationally renowned physicists. The board's decision is final.

Please apply with the following documents:

- a single scientific publication from the fields of optics and photonics, that has been published within the previous three years;
- a list of publications, patents and other scientific achievements;
- three letters of support from university professors (or comparable) which value the validity and originality of the submitted publication;
- curriculum vitae;
- certificates documenting your scientific career.

Applications should be submitted via [this website](#) until **31st October 2015**.

If you have any questions please contact

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