

Guidelines for the CGCA Young Researchers Award

Qualified Applicants

- The candidate should work in Germany in the field of chemistry or chemical engineering.
- The definition of young researcher in this context comprises all persons preparing a PhD and researchers with up to at most one year of experience after successful defense of their first PhD.

Application Materials

All submissions must be completed in English. The application must contain the following elements:

- A CV of the candidate, no longer than 3 A4 pages, which should include besides name, date of birth, and affiliation also a website URL, a summary of education and career, a research area summary, a list of at most 5 relevant publications and the total numbers of publications and patents (if appropriate). If the applicant has already defended his/her PhD, the date of the defense has to be stated.
- Recommendation of PhD supervisor

Selection Schedule

The Prize is an annual award established in 2014. Applications for the next year are open from the end of CGCA annual conference in the current year until May 31 of the following year, in which the prize is awarded.

Selection Criteria

The following aspects of all applications will be considered by the selection committee(s) as appropriate:

- Originality of research
- Impact of research
- Quality of publications and/or patents and/or software
- Innovation
- Professional standing
- Independence
- Collaborations and teamwork
- Other indicators of esteem indicated by the recommendation

Referees must state their relationship (if any) with the candidate and note any conflicts of interest.

Selection Procedure

1. All paperwork for the candidate will be circulated to members of the CGCA Award Working Group to be short-listed if there is a high volume of applications.
2. The shortlists for the Award will be considered by the Non-CGCA Award Working Group, which is composed of professors at German Universities, with related academic background.
3. Based on the review marks of the experts, the top 3 applicants will be invited to present their achievements in the CGCA annual conference.
4. The invited top 3 applicants will be ranked by CGCA Committee.
5. The final rank is a combination of marks from the review experts (40%) and the CGCA Committee (60%).
6. The final best will be the winner. In case of tie for the first place, the prize will be awarded to everyone tied for the first. CGCA will award the prizewinner the certificate and a certain amount of award money.
7. The award will be presented at the closing ceremony of the CGCA annual conference.

Rules for Avoiding Conflicts of Interest

Applicants with a membership of the CGCA will be unqualified when they participate in the selection process.

Rules for Honest Competition

The CGCA Committee reserves the right to exclude applicants from the competition who cheated in their application. It also keeps the right to take back the prize if cheating has been found after awarding it. Both decisions require the majority of votes of the CGCA Committee.