# Young Researchersâ?? Challenge 2019 â?? Apply now!

## Description

### The Marcus Wallenberg Foundation invites applications for the Young Researchersâ?? 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 chance 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 areas of interest to the forest-based sector. The whole program will range from 6 to 9 October, 2019, see below.**

This yearâ??s Marcus Wallenberg Prize recognizes the research and knowledge transfer behind Cross-laminated timber, CLT, see ***press release***. 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 a 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 35 years old or younger, post-docs, or PhD students to participate. Apply now through our form at mwp.org/yrc2019. Your contribution should not exceed 200 words and must be submitted not later than 25 June 2019.

After evaluation, some 30 contributions will be selected to be invited to the 2019 MWP Prize Ceremony and extended program (see below). We will then welcome all winning participants to submit a short abstract on their research project to be presented in a poster session.

**Chance to win (at the expense of the Foundation):**

- 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 â??3-Minute Presentationâ?• 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.
- Symposium to be held on 8 October on the theme of this yearâ??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 be able to interact with this yearâ??s prize winner.

**Who covers the costs for travel and accommodation?**

Applicants need to cover their own costs for travel to Stockholm and accommodation in connection to the event. For applicants from Swedish organizations the MW Foundation has managed to find financing from separate sources. International applicants are encouraged to apply for funding from their own Universities or other financiers.