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AFPA calling for young forestry researchers to apply for international innovation award

The Australian Forest Products Association is calling all young researchers in forest-based sciences to put their hands up and apply for the *Blue Sky Young Researchers Innovation Award*. These are prestigious awards and the winners will be announced in Canada in 2019, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA), Mr Ross Hampton, said today.

“The *Blue Sky Young Researchers Innovation Award* takes place biennially and grants up to three awards to the most attractive submissions during the CEO Roundtable promoted by the International Council of Forests and Paper Associations (ICFPA),” Mr Hampton said.

“Young researchers carrying out projects using forest based raw materials, process improvements or other innovations throughout the value chain are encouraged to apply. Researchers involved in movements towards a bioeconomy are particularly encouraged. AFPA will be coordinating Australian applications and the full terms of reference are available on our website,” Mr Hampton said.

Applicants need to be students or other researchers under 30 years of age carrying out research innovation projects relevant for forestry, forest products processing technologies and forest products in academia, at a public or private research centre or company research or innovation department.

“Up to three finalists will be chosen from Australia, who will then have their travel and accommodation expenses in May 2019 to Canada covered, so they can present their submissions. Entries close on the 30th of June 2018,” Mr Hampton concluded.

Terms of reference for entrants - <http://ausfpa.com.au/news/blue-sky-researchers-innovation-award-terms-of-reference/>

AFPA CEO Ross Hampton is a member of the ICFPA.

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