HEINZEL GROUP

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Deadline: February 28th

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

HEINZEL-MONDI-SAPPI RESEARCH AWARD 2027

The Heinzel-Mondi-Sappi Research Award recognizes outstanding publications by early-stage researchers having a potential to drive innovation in the pulp and paper industry. In 2027, it will be awarded in three different categories to the (first) authors of the most outstanding publications during the preceding year:

- **Pulping Process** (including utilization of side streams from the pulping process)
- **Resource Efficiency** (such as improving material and energy efficiency, reducing water consumption or reducing environmental impact of pulping and papermaking)
- **Paper and Board Making Process** (including novel paper and board grades/utilization)

The award aims to highlight the importance of research in advancing the pulp and paper industry, encouraging young scientists to actively engage in this fascinating and challenging field in the bio-based economy.

Winners will share a total prize fund of € 10,000, which is split between the three categories and is sponsored by Heinzel Group, Mondi, and Sappi. Furthermore, winners will gain exposure by presenting their work to industry leaders at the renowned PAPER BIOECONOMY CONFERENCE in Graz, Austria.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The submitted work must be an SCI journal publication, a PhD thesis (either cumulative or monographic), or a master's thesis that demonstrates a proven or potential positive impact on the pulp and paper value chain.
- The author (for theses) or first author (for journal publications) **must be 35 years of age or younger** on the date of publication.
- For SCI journal publications:
  Applicants must submit a copy of the published journal publication.
- For cumulative PhD theses: Applicants must submit the full thesis and indicate which of their published articles they consider most relevant for the award.
- For monographic PhD theses or master's theses:
  Applicants must submit the full thesis.
- Publications must be written in English or German.
- Contributions must have a **publication date between January 1st, 2026 and December 31st, 2026.**

Submission Requirements:

Nominations have to be submitted by February 28th, 2027 and must include:

- a digital copy of the submitted work (SCI journal publication, PhD or master's thesis)
- a short CV of the author (max. 2 pages)
- a cover letter by the author (max. 2 pages)
  outlining the contribution of the work to the chosen category

A panel of industrial and scientific experts will evaluate the submissions and select winners in each of the three categories.

Award Ceremony and Presentation at Conference:

The Heinzel-Mondi-Sappi Research Award 2027 will be presented on Wednesday, May 12th, 2027, at the PAPER BIOECONOMY CONFERENCE in Graz, Austria. **The award recipients (or at least one co-author) must attend the ceremony in person to accept the award**. In addition, winners are expected to present their work during the conference (on May 12th or 13 th, 2027). Winners will receive complimentary registration to the conference and all associated social events.

PAPER BIOECONOMY

Graz, Austria CONFERENCE & TRADESHOW

Nominations:

Nominations for the Heinzel-Mondi-Sappi Research Award 2027 must be submitted digitally to the Institute of Bioproducts and Paper Technology at Graz University of Technology using the following E-mail address:

email: award@paper-bioeconomy.com

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Please feel free to share this Call for Nominations with colleagues or networks who may also be interested.

We are looking forward to receiving your contribution!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact
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