



## Josef Umdasch Research Prize Terms of competition

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You have an idea for a Masters thesis or are still looking for a suitable topic and wish to work on it with a global company? We are looking for innovative minds who enjoy interlinking science and practice and want to see their ideas put to use in the field. The Josef Umdasch Research Prize offers an opportunity to dedicate yourself to an exciting topic and at the same time learn about the mindset of the company.

### Our offer to you

- Monthly stipend of EUR 300 for three to six months
- Regular networking with your Doka contact
- Financing for materials, laboratory and travel, fees for advisory services of your institute, as well as any other expenses required to execute the project.
- Depending on project, it may also lead to a paid internship.

### Prerequisites:

- You are planning to submit a final assignment for your university studies, college of applied sciences or equivalent education.
- You have an idea that might generate results of interest to Doka
- You want to work on one of the specific topics Doka is looking to support
- Your institute and your advisor are supporting your idea and your application

### We are interested in the following fields of knowledge:

- Engineering and production:  
Wood technology, mechanical engineering, plastics engineering, metalworking, material sciences, material properties, automation technology, mechatronics, Industry 4.0
- Construction:  
Construction engineering, timber construction, concrete construction
- Economics:  
Industrial engineering, industrial logistics
- Management:  
Supply chain management, operations management
- Other studies that might be of interest for a global company with in-house development, production and sales departments.

You can find current topics of interest to Doka at: [www.doka.com/forschungspreis](http://www.doka.com/forschungspreis)

### **What do we need from you**

- Detailed entry form
- CV
- Recent testimonials and marks
- Letter of reference from your academic advisor and/or head of the institute
- Assurance of professional support by the university/college of applied sciences

### **General rules of participation**

- Applications may be submitted at any time, regardless of whether the intent is to work on a topic announced by Doka or one you came up with on your own.
- The topic of the thesis must be of interest to Doka. It is not necessary for the results to be ready for immediate implementation. We also support research into basics that might be of interest to us in the long term or that concern framework conditions of Doka's field of activity. The application must also include considerations regarding the economic benefits of the project idea, such as savings in resources or quality improvements.
- Doka will decide whether to award the stipend.
- By accepting the stipend, Doka shall be granted the rights to utilize the results. On this matter, Doka will enter into individual agreements with the applicant and the supporting institute.

### **Award ceremony**

- Projects of particularly high quality deserve to be shared with a wider public.
- Plans call for awarding the best project(s) as part of a ceremony to take place every other year. In order to qualify for the 2016 award ceremony, the completed project must be submitted no later than **31 October**. Any projects completed later may be entered in the next award ceremony scheduled for 2018.
- The award includes prize money as well as a certificate.
- Award recipients are selected by a jury composed of representatives of institutions of higher learning (universities, colleges of applied sciences) and Doka.

### **Legal recourse**

- The award decision is made at the sole discretion of Doka GmbH. There is no legal recourse for rejection.

### **Curious?**

For more information on the Josef Umdasch Research Prize and the entry form go to: [www.doka.com/researchprize](http://www.doka.com/researchprize)

We look forward to meeting you in person.