

Lenzing Aktiengesellschaft
Werkstraße 2
4860 Lenzing, Austria
www.lenzing.com

Phone +43 7672 701 2743
Fax +43 7672 918 2743
E-mail media@lenzing.com

Date February 03, 2022

Young Scientist Award: Lenzing's new prize for research projects on ethical and sustainable fashion

Sub.: A new competition has been launched for bachelor's and master's degree students who are working on innovative solutions to address the environmental challenges facing the textile industry. The deadline for applications is June 15, 2022. The winning project will receive a prize of EUR 5,000.

Lenzing – The Lenzing Group, a world-leading provider of wood-based specialty fibers, will present the Young Scientist Award for outstanding research in the field of fibers and textiles for the first time in 2022. The Dornbirn Global Fiber Congress (GFC Dornbirn) is an ideal platform for the recently launched research competition. Bachelor's and master's degree students will have the opportunity to submit their scientific work in the categories of fashion and the circular economy, textile recycling and the innovative use of biobased fibers to a jury of well-known industry experts.

The jury consists of Karla Magruder (Founder of Acceleration Circularity), Friedericke von Wedel-Parlow (Beneficial Design Institute Berlin) and Dieter Eichinger (Head of Standardization and Innovation, Secretary-General of BISFA). The winning project will receive a prize of EUR 5,000. The aim is to promote the students' work and create a platform for networking with the textile and fiber industry.

“As one of the leading innovators in improving fibers and wovens for decades, Lenzing is best positioned to make a real difference and create a more sustainable future. Driving research and development forward and supporting young scientists in developing their ideas at all times is not just a matter that is close to our heart. We are convinced that innovation and technological progress are vital to our success in tackling the pressing environmental challenges we face,” says Robert van de Kerkhof, Member of the Managing Board at Lenzing Group and President of the Austrian Fibers Institute.

Austrian Fibers Institute as organizer of the GFC

The Austrian Fibers Institute is the organizer of the 61st Dornbirn Global Fiber Congress on a not-for-profit basis. The event, due to take place from September 14 to 16, 2022, will offer an ideal setting for the presentation of the Young Scientist Award prize.

The Austrian Fibers Institute, which is headquartered in Vienna, was founded in 1960 by fiber producers and the Austrian textile industry to promote the market launch of fibers and fiber products. The institute also offers opportunities to exchange information and experience relating to fibers and supports engagement with educational institutions. The GFC aims to encourage the international exchange of experience in close liaison with Brussels-based representative body.

The Austrian Fibers Institute focuses on issues relating to the future, which will also be on the agenda at the GFC, including aspects such as fiber innovations, sustainability and the circular economy.

Applicants for the Young Scientist Award can submit their work (final-year projects, papers etc.) in English between February 01, 2022 and June 15, 2022 to the following e-mail address: YSA2022@lenzing.com. For further information, please see the enclosed document (Submission Requirements).

Photo download:

<https://mediadb.lenzing.com/pinaccess/showpin.do?pinCode=2MnuNYFXCKT6>

PIN: 2MnuNYFXCKT6

Your contact for Public Relations:

Dominic Köfner

Vice President Corporate Communications & Public Affairs
Lenzing Aktiengesellschaft
Werkstraße 2, 4860 Lenzing, Austria

Phone +43 7672 701 2743

E-mail media@lenzing.com

Web www.lenzing.com

Daniel Winkelmeier

Communications Manager
Lenzing Aktiengesellschaft
Werkstraße 2, 4860 Lenzing, Austria

Phone +43 7672 701 2871

E-mail media@lenzing.com

Web www.lenzing.com

About the Lenzing Group

The Lenzing Group stands for ecologically responsible production of specialty fibers made from the renewable raw material wood. As an innovation leader, Lenzing is a partner of global textile and nonwoven manufacturers and drives many new technological developments.

The Lenzing Group's high-quality fibers form the basis for a variety of textile applications ranging from elegant ladies clothing to versatile denims and high-performance sports clothing. Due to their consistent high quality, their biodegradability and compostability Lenzing fibers are also highly suitable for hygiene products and agricultural applications.

The business model of the Lenzing Group goes far beyond that of a traditional fiber producer. Together with its customers and partners, Lenzing develops innovative products along the value chain, creating added value for consumers. The Lenzing Group strives for the efficient utilization and processing of all raw materials and offers solutions to help redirect the textile sector towards a closed-loop economy. In order to reduce the speed of global warming and to accomplish the targets of the Paris Climate Agreement and the "Green Deal" of the EU Commission, Lenzing has a clear vision: namely to make a zero-carbon future come true.

Key Facts & Figures Lenzing Group 2020

Revenue: EUR 1.63 bn

Nameplate capacity: 1,045,000 tons

Employees: 7,358

TENCEL™, VEOCEL™, LENZING™, REFIBRA™, ECOVERO™, LENZING MODAL™, LENZING VISCOSE™, MICROMODAL™ and PROMODAL™ are trademarks of Lenzing AG.
