

To U.S. researchers:

Does your research focus on the forest and paper industry? Are you working on innovative solutions or new technologies? Are you 30 years of age or younger?

If so, we encourage you to submit your application for the **Blue Sky Young Researchers Innovation Award**.

Sponsored by the International Council of Forest and Paper Associations, this awards program focuses on research and development as well as showcasing significant innovations in science and technology in the forest and paper industry.

The theme of the inaugural awards program is *Game Changing Technologies for the Forest and Paper Industry – Unfolding the Potentials of Forest, Paper and Wood-based Products*. Subcategories include, but are not limited to:

- A. Future Generation Forestry: forest tree breeding and biotechnology; precision forestry; measurements and inventory.
- B. Innovation in the Forest-based Industry: analysis and properties of pulp and paper; facilities, instrument and process control; bioproducts and wood chemistry; recycling, deinking and environment; timber for construction; material substitution with wood.

Winners will have the opportunity to present their projects to a roundtable of global forest and paper industry CEOs in Berlin, Germany in May 2017.

#### Award Application Requirements

Applicants should be 30 years old or under. The application package should include the following items:

1. Short CV (one page maximum)
2. Statement of purpose including:
  - 500 words; double spacing; font Calibri 12
  - Objectives
  - Description of project
  - Summary of Methodology
  - Expected results
  - Relevance to forest products industry
  - How it fits with the selected theme
  - What makes it innovative
3. One Letter of Support



**American  
Forest & Paper  
Association**



**The deadline for submitting applications is December 15, 2016.**

Email your complete application packet and/or requests for further information about the program to AF&PA Manager of Environmental Policy Katie Missimer at [katie\\_missimer@afandpa.org](mailto:katie_missimer@afandpa.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Harman".

Donna Harman  
AF&PA President & CEO

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry A. Montague".

Larry Montague  
TAPPI President & CEO