

2018 IULTCS/Lear Corporation Young Leather Scientist Grant

Objective:

In accordance with its aims, the IULTCS, through its IUR Commission, would like to make a meaningful contribution towards research in leather. The YLSG 2018 monetary award will be given by Lear Corporation through IULTCS to a young scientist to run a Leather Research project in 2018. The scientist will work with an advisor at his/her institution.

Eligibility for the candidates:

- Birthdate after January 1, 1982
- Student or Scientist in the Leather field and with qualification in one of the three categories:
 1. A student of a Leather school: high school level, college, or university level
 2. A graduate student (Master or PhD) in the areas of Chemistry, Biochemistry, Environmental Science or Biology
 3. Scientist working in a recognized Leather Center

Application Procedure:

The Complete Document Form must be completed and saved as one PDF file only and identified as: **YLSG2018_applicantname**. Leave one empty page between the documents.

The Complete Application Form to be submitted to the IUR chair Dr. Luis Zugno (lazugno@buckman.com) must have the following parts:

- 1) Application Form
- 2) Research Project Plan. Include Title, Introduction, Objectives, Methods, Hypothesis/Expected results – benefit for the local and/or global leather industry in one sentence -and Literature. Maximum 3 pages.
- 3) *Curriculum Vitae* of the applicant (one page)
- 4) *Curriculum Vitae* of the advisor (one page)
- 5) Letter of recommendation from the advisor (one page)

Note: Applicants that do not follow the above rules will have their submission rejected.

Research areas:

Innovative leather processing, new chemicals for leather processing, analytical method development, hide/skin preservation, environmental studies applied to the tanneries, tannery waste treatment and basic research in collagen and/or Leather.

Award:

A one-time payment of € 1,500 (one thousand and five hundred Euros) to be paid to the winner scientist. The payment will be made by IULTCS through a bank transfer or money order.

An IUR/IULTCS certificate will be issued to the winner.

Award criteria & Selection:

The application will be evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria:

- 1) Clear aim of the research
- 2) Methods
- 3) Expected results
- 4) Originality of the research

- 5) Correct citation
- 6) Global or local benefit of the research

The qualifications of the researcher and the advisor will also be evaluated. The Selection Committee will be chaired by Dr. Michael Meyer from the FILK Institute, with Mr. Thierry Poncet from CTC France and Dr. Jeffry Gunthie-Strachan from Trumpler, Germany.

Timeline:

June 9 launch the YLSG 2018, with rules on the IULTCS web site and press release

October 31, 2017 deadline for submissions

November 25, 2017 winner selected and press release

December 30, 2017 payment of the award

February 28, 2019 scientist to present final report to IUR/IULTCS

Report:

A final project report must be submitted by the scientist to the IUR Commission Chair by February 28, 2019.

The report should be accompanied by a one page review of the project by the advisor and will be posted at the IULTCS/IUR web page