

# THE BEAGLE AWARD 2018

*To honor the scientific and social merits of PhD students.*

As Darwin was supported on his worldwide trip by his boat 'HMS Beagle' from 1831 to 1836, the BEAGLE AWARD is dedicated to supporting young scientists at the beginning of their career. It is an appreciation of the scientific work and social commitments that are of importance to modern scientists.

The BEAGLE AWARD is bestowed by the IPK Board of Directors and the PhD Student Board on an annual term at the Institutes' Day (9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017) of IPK. The award amounts to 1,500 €.

## Who can apply

Every PhD student who is or has been enrolled in the IPK PhD program can apply once over the course of his/her study until one year after receiving the doctoral degree. It is recommended to apply towards the end of the study period.

## What will be evaluated:

### *Scientific qualification (Contribution 40%):*

The quality of the scientific work of the applicant is evaluated according to publications, conference attendances (talks given and posters presented), successful performance of the PhD, individual initiatives and collaborations.

### *Social commitment (Contribution: 40%):*

The applicant proves voluntary social commitments both at the scientific (e.g. within IPK) and the personal (e.g. outside of IPK) level. The evaluation is based on the applicants' initiative to integrate or organize social networks (e.g. sport, literature club), support of friends and colleagues in different situations (collaboration, assistance) and his/her intercultural competence (candor, acceptance of other cultures).

### *Application strength (Contribution 20%):*

The application will be evaluated by its structure, layout, style and orthography



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## How to apply:

Send a complete application (one pdf) in English including:

- a curriculum vitae (including social commitments + a separate publication list).
- an application letter (maximum two pages) which will act as an introduction to the jury. It should emphasize your social commitments and scientific interests – i.e. how did you become interested in science in general and your specific field, what are you currently working on, and what your future research plans are.
- a recommendation letter (half-page) of a supervisor (group leader, mentor), which confirms your scientific and social dedication (employment reference style).

Incomplete applications, i.e. applications, which are not composed according to the points listed above, will not be considered!

Please direct your application to email address of the PhD Student Board via

[IPk.Psb@ipk-gatersleben.de](mailto:IPk.Psb@ipk-gatersleben.de).

You can also contact us in case of questions regarding the application process.

**Submission deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**

