

ICFG Young Scientists Exchange Prize – YSEP 2025

The YSEP is established in order to support the understanding of young researchers of the importance of cold and warm forging production as it is carried out by world leading companies and also to give young researchers an understanding of social and cultural differences and challenges in overseas countries.

The YSEP 2025 is granted on the following guidelines:

- In 2025, the prize will be awarded to a **candidate from Asia**. An "Asian candidate" is defined as a professional affiliated with an academic institution or company based in Asia.
- The YSEP winners will be granted an overseas study tour that will go to highly recognized industrial companies in the field of cold and warm forging and to universities and institutions working in the same field.
- The study tour is expected to have a duration of about 1½ - 2 weeks. The tour itinerary and costs must be approved by the ICFG Treasurer.
- up to 2 young researchers will be granted the study tour every time the YSEP is given out. It is the intention that the young researchers shall come from different countries within the continent that will be awarded at the time.
- The grant will cover transportation from the home country to the place of the study tour, transportation during the study tour, accommodation and meals.
- One or more experienced researchers or industrial staff members from the hosting countries will support the study tour.
- Besides the practical guiding of the study tour the hosts have an important task of stimulating and supporting discussions among the participants as well as with staff members of the visited institutions.
- The young researchers are expected to be willing to give small presentations at the companies and institutions visited, and should be willing to discuss their impressions from the visits with staff members from the hosting companies. A paper-version of the presentations shall be available as handouts.
- A high technical level is expected during the study tour visits as member companies form the backbone of the visited companies. An intense exchange of viewpoints and knowledge should be expected at company visits as the tour is carried out by a small group of high skilled people.
- The applicants should submit the following documents to register to YSEP:
 - Personal Application Letter;
 - CV;
 - At least 2 Recommendation Letters;
 - List of recent publication (last 3 years).
- The young researchers granted the YSEP would be found through a procedure with evaluation by an international group of experts and final selection by the ICFG Advisory Board.

The ICFG Advisory Board will set up the procedures and guidelines for the nomination of YSEP winners as well for the planning and execution of the study tour.

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