

Ypsomed Innovation Award

**Promotion of knowledge and technology
transfer at universities in Espace Mittelland**

All information on registration and conditions of participations can be found at
www.innovationsfonds.ch.

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Objective

The Ypsomed Innovation Fund Foundation aims to motivate innovative and entrepreneurial teams or individuals to include market needs in their scientific work and to translate their developments into products or services on the market. The work presented should therefore contain innovative and economically feasible processes, methods, products or services.

Prizes and prize money

Each January, the award winners are invited to the award ceremony at the PwC New Year's reception in Berne, where they are awarded the prize in the presence of over 500 guests from business, politics and society. In addition to the prize money, the award ceremony increases the awareness of the project through press coverage.

The Ypsomed Innovation Award is endowed as follows:

1. Prize: CHF 50 000.–
2. Prize: CHF 30 000.–
3. Prize: CHF 20 000.–

Admission

The innovation presented must have been predominantly developed by a university and must meet the objectives of the award donor. Students, assistants, lecturers as well as research and work teams of universities based in **Espace Mittelland** with the urge to become entrepreneurs or newly found companies which have merged from this environment and would like to implement a new project are invited to participate.

The Ypsomed Innovation Award can also be awarded to a consortium that shows how an extraordinary output has been achieved collectively.

Projects

Projects that can be submitted are products, services, own innovations, doctoral and diploma theses as well as project and semester papers in German, French or English.

Content:

- Personal information about the author and the team members
- Problem statement
- Summary of the work accomplished
- Discussion of the technical realisation potential
- Proof of economic viability

Evaluation criteria

- Innovation potential and originality
- Market implementation potential
- Technical realisation potential
- Comprehensibility of the dossier

Deadline for submission

The projects must be submitted to the Ypsomed Innovation Fund with the template provided via e-mail to info@innovationsfonds.ch by the date specified on www.innovationsfonds.ch.

Jury

The jury evaluates the submitted work and selects the winners. The jury's deliberations are confidential.

- Dr. h.c. Willy Michel, Chairman Ypsomed Holding AG (President of the jury)
- Dr. Christoph Rindlisbacher, Start-up Coach
- Hanspeter Gerber, Partner Assurance and Branch Manager of PwC Berne
- Peter Kappeler, dipl. Ing. ETH / MBA INSEAD
- Prof. Dr. Artur Baldauf, Director Department of Management and Entrepreneurship at University of Berne
- Prof. Dr. Lukas Rohr, Director BFH-TI
- Ueli Moser, Concept Development Ypsomed AG

Selection procedure and award ceremony

The jury evaluates the project dossiers received. The authors of the short-listed projects will be invited to a presentation to the jury between mid-November and mid-December. Subsequently, the jury decides on the three winners and invites them to the award ceremony. The award ceremony takes place in January at the PwC New Year's reception in Berne.

Decisions of the jury

The decisions of the jury are irrevocable. By registering for the competition, the participants unconditionally accept these regulations. Any legal action is precluded. Projects that have not been awarded a prize will be rejected without justification.

Confidentiality

Before the award ceremony, the project contents are absolutely confidential. Except for the joint communication during the award ceremony, all project content will be treated confidentially.



Award winners

The Ypsomed Innovation Award promotes innovations and entrepreneurial activities in Espace Mitteland. With the prize money, the Ypsomed Innovation Fund supports the step into independence or further growth steps. This is impressively demonstrated by three examples from recent years.

2018

**Dr. Samuel Zürcher and team,
Certus Diagnostics**

Molecular rapid test platform for reliable on-site detection of specific pathogens

www.certusdiagnostics.com



2016

Prof. Dr. Gregor Burkhard, FHNW

GreDom-Insert, a novel kind of insert for space technology, revolutionising satellite construction

www.ruag.com/news



2014

**Prof. Dr. Olivier Guenat, ARTORG Center at
the University of Bern**

A breathing "lung on chip" for the safe and efficient development of new drugs

www.alveolix.com



The list of all previous award winners can be found at www.innovationsfonds.ch.