



Do You Want to Give Your Career A Kick-Start?

Then follow our IFPR Early Career Researchers Programme. During the International Conference on Production Research that takes place every other year, the International Foundation for Production Research organises a programme for young academics that have just completed their doctoral study and started or are about to start their academic career. During this programme, the board members of this foundation will help to formulate your own research profile. And, it is a great way to get in touch with other academics, both early career researchers like yourself and more senior academics. In addition, the programme prepares you for teamwork. Ultimately, every two years, a maximum of three promising early career researchers will be mentored during two years by board members of the International Foundation for Production Research; all you need to do is to participate in this workshop and discuss your proposed research with the board members.

Preliminary Programme

The programme of this one-day workshop during the conference covers:

- Building a successful career.
- Research funding and proposals.
- Developing a research profile.
- Teamwork.
- Creating learning environments.
- Publishing in top-tier journals.

Furthermore, board members of the International Foundation for Production Research will deliver the workshop, guaranteeing an international perspective. In addition, your research proposal or programme will be discussed during the workshop.

Finally, there will be a session 'Meet the Board'; during that session, you will have a chance to discuss your research proposal or programme with board members. After this session, the board will select the (max.) three winners of the Early Career Researchers Mentoring Award (for each of the three regions one).

How To Apply?

You will be eligible for participating in this programme if you have completed your doctoral study between 0 and 36 months before the first day of the conference. If you fulfil this condition, you may send an application to the Doctoral Training and Early Career Researchers Committee; the application should contain:

- A certified copy of your diploma/award of your doctoral degree.
- A curriculum vitae, including an overview of academic achievements (journal papers, contributions to conferences, research funding [if possible])
- Two letters of reference from academics (one at least from a different academic institution that awarded you the doctoral degree or the university you are working for).
- A letter of motivation.

For attending this workshop during the conference, you need to register for the conference itself; please contact the local organisers for registration.

Note that when you have completed the early career researchers programme, you will receive a certificate and your attendance will be registered at our web-site. Only by applying AND attending all sessions, you will qualify for selection for the Early Career Researchers Mentoring Award.

The Doctoral Training and Early Career Researchers Committee will select max. 24 participants from the applications that will take part in our Early Career Researchers Programme. Those early career researchers that have followed the IFPR Doctoral Workshop (see web-site for official registry) will be prioritised. You will receive notifications of receipt and selection for participation.

What Do You Have to Prepare?

Once we have acknowledged your participation in the Early Career Researchers Programme, you need to prepare a research proposal or programme. That proposal will be discussed the conference and it forms also the basis for the selection for the mentoring award; note that this proposal may also be the paper that you have submitted to the international conference. Those (max.) three early career researchers that are selected for the Early Career Researchers Mentoring Award will be invited for a 'keynote' presentation during the next International Conference on Production Research.



About the IFPR

The International Foundation for Production Research (IFPR) encourages communication among researchers of production systems and processes around the world, especially by its continuing support of the International Conference on Production Research. To that purpose, the foundation organises an international conference every two years and regional conferences in Africa-Europe-the Middle East, Americas and Asia-Pacific. Moreover, two leading journals are connected to the foundation: the International Journal of Production Economics and the International Journal of Production Research. More information can be found at our website: <http://www.ifpr-icpr.net/>.

Doctoral Training and Early Career Researchers Programme Committee

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