

Call for nominations for the 2023 Bertha Benz Prize for female engineers

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In order to draw attention to the achievements of women in engineering, and to encourage them to take up studies in these disciplines and to pursue an academic career, the Daimler and Benz Foundation awards the “Bertha Benz Prize” each year to a female engineer who has completed an outstanding doctorate in Germany with the title “Dr.-Ing.” The prize is endowed with 10,000 euros.

Deadline for nominations: March 1, 2023

Requirements for nomination

The title Dr.-Ing. must have been awarded no more than one year prior to the deadline for nominations; the date shown on the doctoral certificate is definitive. The dissertation must have been assessed as either “magna cum laude” or “summa cum laude”.

The governing bodies of universities and independent research institutes are eligible to submit proposals. Each institution may submit a maximum of three proposals. Self-nominations are not possible.

Submission of nominations

Proposals for candidates can only be submitted via the online portal on the homepage of the Foundation (www.daimler-benz-stiftung.de). The following documents are required (in German or English):

1. Letter of nomination
2. Doctoral certificate (not a provisional certificate)
3. Dissertation
4. Summary of the main findings of the dissertation (max. three pages)
5. Curriculum vitae in tabular form
6. List of publications
7. Examination certificates (intermediate examination/Bachelor or Diploma/Master)
8. Two letters of recommendation

Selection procedure

In addition to the academic originality of the work, the practical and social relevance of the research findings are also evaluated. The call for nominations is therefore directed in particular toward dissertations with decidedly practical relevance; accordingly, consideration is also given to whether, for example, patents have been applied for or already granted.

The prize is awarded on the basis of a decision by a jury comprising scientists, representatives of the Daimler and Benz Foundation, and members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Award ceremony

The prize is expected to be presented in mid-2023 on the occasion of the annual Bertha Benz Lecture in Heidelberg.

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