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Conditions of entry…

Theses that are related to bearing technology can be submitted. We refer to the definition of bearings technology.

Broad subject areas:

- Rolling, plain and magnetic bearings for mechanical engineering, automotive and aerospace industry, automation, (humanoid) robotics and defense industry
- Rotative as well as linear motion
- Mechanical and mechatronic solutions
- (Digital) solutions in the field of condition monitoring and predictive maintenance
- Solutions for all phases of the product life cycle
- Development of future-oriented business models and targeted marketing

The thesis may have been drawn up by individual natural persons or by teams. In the case of teams consisting of natural persons, the team has to nominate an authorized person to represent the team against Schaeffler FAG Foundation in all actions. If the thesis has been drawn up in the context to a scientific institute, a company or a similar institution, the corresponding consent with the participation in this competition is required.

The thesis may be submitted in German or English. Applications are to be directed to the Schaeffler FAG Foundation by the announced application deadline.

Documents...

The following documents must be submitted along with an application:

- Fully completed application form
- Curriculum vitae / photography
- Scientific-engineering thesis (complete copy)
- Description of the thesis contents (use the standard form)
- Expert assessment on the thesis
- Teams: Authorization

Adress...

The documents should be sent till **September 11, 2026** by post to:

Schaeffler Technologies AG & Co. KG
Schaeffler FAG Stiftung, z.Hd. Hanna Flury
Georg-Schäfer-Straße 30
D-97421 Schweinfurt

Or preferred by email to: fluryhnn@schaeffler.com

The contents of the submitted theses will be treated confidentially. The applicant agrees that the submitted thesis be passed on to the founder for inspection and for utilization, should the occasion arise.

The foundation and the Schaeffler Group will handle the submitted theses with care. However no liability will be accepted for its loss, damage or unauthorized usage by third parties.

The awarding of prizes will be decided by the foundation committee of the Schaeffler FAG Foundation. The judges' decision is final.

We reserve the right to renounce on the awarding of prizes if no prize-worthy thesis has been handed in. In the case of several equally good theses, a division of prizes is possible.

The conditions of entry are accepted as binding on submitting the application.

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Application Form

Theme: _____

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Your Title: _____

Name: _____ First name: _____

Date of Birth : _____

Adress: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone home: _____ Phone company: _____

Job / Occupation: _____

(For teams, above personal data are required for all members)

1. When was the thesis completed? _____
2. Was the thesis written in the context of a scientific institute, an industrial company or a similar institution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, where? _____

   _____
3. Name of Professor or supervision who looked after the thesis:

   _____
4. Has the thesis been submitted in this or a similar form/version as a bachelor or master thesis, a dissertation, a doctoral thesis or similar or does this intention exist? Yes ☐ No ☐

   If yes, kind of paper, when and where? _____

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5. Has the thesis been awarded a prize earlier? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, which prize and when? _____

I hereby certify that the thesis has been drawn up independently by me/my team. Possible required admissions for participation in the competition are enclosed. The conditions of entry are acknowledged herewith.

_____ Date _____ _____
(signature)

Enclosures

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Description of the thesis contents

Applicant:

Theme / Year:

Thesis developed at:

I. Task and goal

II. Profitable result *(developed solution)* and innovation

III. Substantial summary

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Authorization

We 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

further persons, if applicable: _____

authors who drew up this thesis in cooperation with Mr/Ms _____

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herewith authorize

Mr/Ms _____

as team representative to make all statements and undertake all action required in connection with the INNOVATION AWARD.

The prize can be presented to the authorized representative with our approval

1. _____ Date _____ _____ (signature)

2. _____ Date _____ _____ (signature)

3. _____ Date _____ _____ (signature)

4. _____ Date _____ _____ (signature)