

**Joint press release by
BASF and Volkswagen**

**Application phase for the sixth BASF and Volkswagen
“Science Award Electrochemistry” has begun**

- **Researchers of excellence may apply up until August 18, 2017**
- **International science award worth €100,000 in total, with €40,000 each for the two main categories**
- **The award ceremony takes place in Karlsruhe on November 30, 2017**

Ludwigshafen / Wolfsburg (Germany), May 11, 2017 – The BASF and Volkswagen international “Science Award Electrochemistry” is now in its sixth year. For the second time, it will be completed by the Award for Applied Research. Starting today, scientists of excellence from all over the world may apply online at www.science-award.com. The website also explains the participation conditions, procedure and selection process. Deadline for applications: August 18, 2017. Contributions submitted will be assessed by a jury comprising experts from BASF, Volkswagen and representatives from the scientific community. The award ceremony takes place in Karlsruhe on November 30, 2017.

The international “Science Award Electrochemistry” supports excellent scientific and engineering achievements and intends to provide fresh impetus to the development of high-efficiency energy storage devices. The science award has been held every year since 2012 and is intended for scientists working in academic research all over the world. The first place of this prize receives €40,000.

In 2017, the prize for applied research is awarded again, worth €40,000 as well. This award is especially intended to fund excellent research and its application in battery materials and production.

The research and application of electrochemical processes in the field of energy storage, energy converters and storage systems are an essential foundation for the development of future energy storage systems. These technologies are crucial for supplying regenerative energy in a way which preserves the climate and its resources, as well as for driving concepts of the future such as electromobility. Current energy storage systems still provide a considerable potential for improvement in terms of performance and costs to make them even more appealing for energy and mobility supply customers. This is why BASF and Volkswagen would like to motivate excellent researchers from the worlds of science and business to commit even more to the field of electrochemicals and their applications.

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