



The PRoF 2017 Award

Call for candidates 2017

On May 17th 2017, the international PRoF symposium is held again in Ghent. The University of Ghent is always looking for innovative projects in healthcare applications. To achieve this, an award competition was first organised in 2015 and again in 2016 by the PRoF chair, held by prof. dr. R. Peleman. The laureates of the PRoF Award competition are invited for the Award ceremony chaired by former President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy, during the international symposium.

The competition accepts all innovations created in the healthcare domain (medical, care, ageing society, etc.) and more specific in one of the following areas:

- new concepts or theories in healthcare models (medical, care, ageing society)
- new insights regarding healthcare infrastructure (architecture and/or equipment)
- innovating healthcare processes and/or procedures
- innovating healthcare products and/or services

The applicants need to submit a clear description of their project, how this innovation has an effect on the future healthcare system and the relevant stakeholders involved. The description must further explain how the innovation matches with the values of the PRoF consortium, which will be used as evaluation criteria by the interdisciplinary jury. The PRoF values are: minimal comfort, privacy, security, anti-loneliness, non stigmatizing solutions, intergenerational, respect and flexibility (more details on <http://www.prof-projects.com/keywords.html>).

The competition targets all innovations that are in a late research phase (e.g. proof-of-concept) and in or ready for an early market phase (pilot phase, first market introduction).

PRoF is a European open innovation consortium that started in 2009. It brings together more than 300 care professionals from multiple disciplines and organisations to think about the evolution of care systems. The power of the consortium lays in its interdisciplinary approach: care organisations work together with research centres, universities and companies to create visions for the future. Each one of these visions has been realized as a concept room, all can be visited at the PRoF location in Poperinge – Belgium. (www.prof-projects.com)

Award details

The jury will select the top 3 innovating projects that will be invited to present their project during the international symposium on May 17th 2017 at Ghent University. (Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, Ghent).

During the symposium, a winner will be selected out of these 3 laureates who will receive the PRoF award (with a value of 10.000 €). The winner will be invited to present the results achieved by winning the award during the 2018 Award Symposium.

Jury composition

The Jury will be chaired by former President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy and will be formed by a number of experts with a complementary interdisciplinary background (medical, care, technology, ethical, business, etc.). The identity of the individual jury members will not be disclosed.

Evaluation criteria

- Innovation is created according to the 8 PRoF values:
 - o minimal comfort
 - o privacy
 - o security
 - o anti-loneliness
 - o non stigmatising solutions
 - o inter generational
 - o respect
 - o flexibility
- Innovation is created based upon:
 - o interdisciplinary collaboration
 - o inter university/school collaboration
- There is an impact on the healthcare system
 - o the innovation is an answer to a real need or demand
 - o there is a first validation of the concept
 - o there is a demonstrable benefit to the patient and/or society
- There are sustainable societal and/or business aspects
 - o the concept has an exploitation potential (societal and/or business)
 - o there is a vision towards further development/deployment/roll out beyond the initial test setting
- The authors themselves are involved daily in the solution and have a demonstrable expertise in the field
- There are realistic next steps explained.
- It is made clear what the Award would be used for.

More details on the PRoF values can be found on the website: www.prof-projects.com

Timing:

Deadline for submission: Wednesday March 1st 2017 (12 o'clock noon)
Selection of top 3 by the jury: Monday, April 17th, 2017
Symposium: Wednesday May 17th, 2017, Het Pand
Onderbergen 1, Ghent, Belgium

Eligibility criteria:

- Submission deadline: Wednesday March 1st 2017 (12 o'clock noon)
- Submission language: English
- All registrations are to be submitted through the secretary of the PRoF chair team: Dorine.Dyzers@uzgent.be, a mandatory template is provided.
- Clear identification of author, organisation and IPR aspects of the innovation are required
- The maximum length of the application is 15.000 characters (full document count, including references, no blanks).
- By submitting an abstract or presentation the authors give approval that the manuscript will be published on the website of the PRoF consortium.