ECDF Annual Award for "Digitalization and Diversity"

Motivation

Research in all fields of information and communications technology and digitalization thrive from individuals with great ideas, interdisciplinary passion, and energy. These individuals, when brought together, have the ability to create new and disruptive research outputs, with the potential to make significant contributions to the benefit of all members of future society.

In order to gain a broad perspective of all facets of digital transformation impacts, establishing diverse and gender equal research communities is key. We believe that at the ECDF, we can and should create a meaningful public debate and contribute to the shift in gender diversity within information and communications technology research in Berlin and internationally.

While the number of female professors at the ECDF has increased from approx. 15% in 2018 to 26,5% in 2022, there is still significant effort and work necessary to establish a more diverse community also in the ECDF-New Generation.

As described in the Part B of the Evaluation Report 2021 (page 46) the goal is to increase the visibility of female scientists and other groups that have a history of being disadvantaged in science in the ECDF and to support them in their research and career planning. Planned actions among others include the ECDF Annual Paper Award.

Award

The award will honor the best paper addressing questions of gender and diversity in the context of digitalization. To acknowledge the wide range of ECDF interdisciplinary and diverse work, the applications of working results like exhibitions, installations or other formats are welcome as well.

Who can apply for the award?
- ECDF professors, their PhDs and PostDocs

Prize money
- EUR 1000

Application
- Applications should be handed in to the ECDF Management Office (Scientific Coordinator Dr. Sandra Pravica: sandra.pravica@tu-berlin.de)
- Eligible are papers and projects published within the period of 12 months before the deadline (for the first round 24 months before the deadline!)
- Deadline 31st of October each year (in 2022 extended to 30th of April 2023!)

Review

- Members of the ECDF Board and two external scientists with a background, e.g., in Digitalization Research, Gender Studies will review all applications and select the winner of the ECDF Annual Paper Award in a joint meeting.
- Public announcement will take place at one of the "ECDF Gender & Diversity Network Meetings" and through ECDF communication (Newsletter, Social Media).

Further information

https://www.digital-future.berlin/en/research/ecdf-gender-diversity-network/