Josef Umdasch Research Prize 2022

**The search is on for smart and innovative ideas for digitalization in shell construction**

**The countdown has started. Ideas for innovative solutions that make a significant contribution to *digitalization in shell construction* can be submitted for the Josef Umdasch Research Prize until 7 November 2021. The winner will have the opportunity to implement their idea in cooperation with Doka.**

Digital technologies and solutions have long had a place in the building industry, and they play a significant role in making construction sites more efficient and more productive. Digitalization is undisputedly one of *the* drivers when it comes to progress and innovation onsite. “At Doka we are constantly on the lookout for new initiatives and creative approaches, which we can use to advance construction and support our clients in their work,” says Robert Hauser, CEO of Doka.

**Wanted: innovation and creativity**

Being part of the Josef Umdasch Research Prize 2022, Doka – a company of the Umdasch Group – is once again putting its feelers out in search of innovative brains that can make a key contribution to *digitalization in shell construction* in the fields of *efficiency, safety and handling of material.* In particular, this can include topics such as process optimization, automation, materials management, field data, smart products or quality control and documentation.

Ideas can be submitted from now until 7 November 2021. Each of the nominated applicants will receive financial support of € 5,000 to develop and work on their idea, and will be invited to present their solution to a panel of experts. The pitch presentation and award ceremony will take place in March 2022 at the World Summit Awards. The winner will have the opportunity to implement their idea together with Doka, thus, benefitting from collaboration on an international level.

**Since 1990 – a long-standing tradition**

“The Josef Umdasch Research Prize has a long history and helps us to get into touch with forward thinkers and visionaries, and create innovative business models along the entire construction process and optimize internal processes,” says Wolfgang Litzlbauer, CEO of the Umdasch Group.

The Umdasch Group has been supporting outstanding achievements in research and development with the Josef Umdasch Research Prize since 1990. The award is named after Josef Umdasch, father of the current owners Hilde Umdasch and Alfred Umdasch who established the prize. Today it is a key part of the Umdasch Group Foundation – an initiative of the Umdasch Group which aims to encourage people in their training, and support initiatives engaging with education and knowledge transfer at a global level.

More information about the Josef Umdasch Research Prize: [www.umdaschgroup.com/researchprize](http://www.umdaschgroup.com/researchprize)

**At a glance – the Josef Umdasch Research Prize 2022**

Subject: Digitalization in shell construction

Key topics: Efficiency, safety and handling of material

Target group: Start-ups und innovators from all over the world

Closing date for applications: 7 November 2021

World Summit Awards: 22 to 24 March 2022

including award ceremony

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**About Doka:**

Doka is a world leader in providing innovative formwork, solutions and services in all areas of construction. The company is also a global supplier of well-thought-out scaffolding solutions for a varied spectrum of applications. With more than 160 sales and logistics facilities in over 60 countries, Doka has a high-performing distribution network for advice, customer service and technical support on the spot and ensures that equipment is provided swiftly – no matter how big and complex the project. Doka employs 7,300 people worldwide and is a company of the Umdasch Group, which has stood for reliability, experience and trustworthiness for more than 150 years.

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