



Medical Robotics Challenge: Apply now for the KUKA Innovation Award 2020

Augsburg, June 2019 - Researchers and entrepreneurs from all over the world are invited to submit ideas for medical robotics to the KUKA Innovation Award. The finalists will have the opportunity to present their concepts at the world's largest medical trade fair - and the winner will receive prize money of 20,000 euros.

The KUKA Innovation Award, launched in 2014, is entering its seventh round and will in 2020 be dominated by medical robotics: "Robotics are increasingly making their way into the healthcare sector," says Dr. Rainer Bischoff, Head of KUKA Corporate Research. "This offers doctors and nurses, but also patients, countless new opportunities.

Researchers and young talents from all over the world can submit their innovative robotics ideas for diagnosis, surgery, therapy and rehabilitation until January 2020. The concepts must be implementable with a sensitive lightweight robot KUKA LBR Med, optionally expanded with a Roboception 3D vision system.

An international jury evaluates the applications and selects the best concepts. The finalists receive the necessary hardware and software free of charge for the duration of the competition and have almost a year to implement their ideas. KUKA experts offer robot trainings and coach the selected teams to the finals at the MEDICA medical trade fair in Düsseldorf in November 2020, where the best solutions will be presented to thousands of experts - and the winner of the Innovation Award 2020 will be chosen. Medica 2019, where this year's final teams will present their solutions for the "Healthy Living Challenge" already offers a foretaste of the competition.

You can find all information about the application [here](#).

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