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SWARCO INDUSFERICA TALENT AWARD

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The SWARCO Indusferica Talent Award returns for its second edition.

With this award, we honour students whose work explores the use of glass beads in industrial applications.

Following the successful launch in 24/25, we are once again looking for new ideas, fresh perspectives and strong approaches that show what glass beads can make possible today. The focus is not only on theoretical concepts, but on solutions with real application potential.

We are looking for ideas that go beyond conventional thinking while also proving practical: from plastics and coatings to additive manufacturing and applications in the construction sector.



## WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

We honour students whose work brings fresh ideas to the industrial use of glass filler beads.

We are looking for solutions that combine scientific quality with practical feasibility and create real added value for industry.

## PRIZE MONEY

A total of **EUR 3,500 in prize money** will be awarded.

1ST PLACE: EUR 1,500

2ND PLACE: EUR 1,000

3RD PLACE: EUR 1,000

In addition to the prize money, you will have the opportunity to present your work to an international industry audience and gain visibility for your ideas.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Students from universities and universities of applied sciences ...



... in the field of materials science



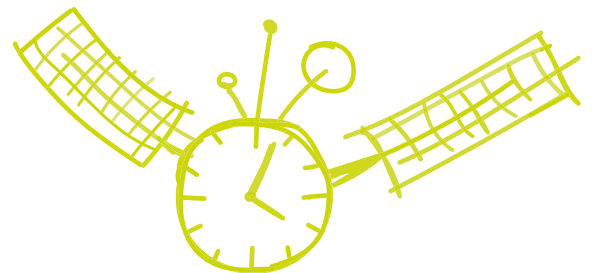
... in Germany, Austria and Switzerland

## TIMELINE

The submission deadline is **29 January 2027**.

The winners will be selected by **26 February 2027**.

The award ceremony will take place in **spring 2027**.



# WHAT COUNTS

Your submission will be assessed based on the following criteria:



## INNOVATION ...

... means new or further-developed approaches.



## SUSTAINABILITY...

... means responsible and resource-efficient use.



## PRACTICAL FEASIBILITY ...

... means that your idea can realistically be implemented.



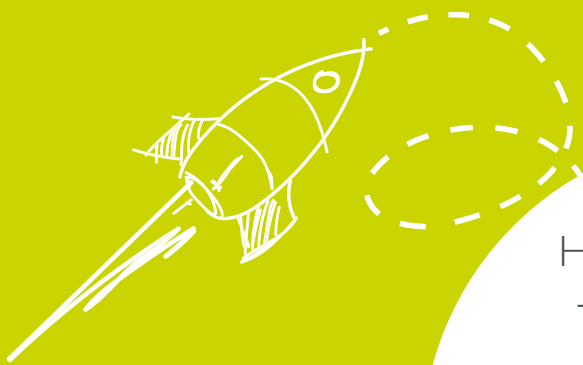
## RELEVANCE FOR INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS...

... means clear benefits and practical applicability.

# WHAT TO SUBMIT

To participate, please submit the following documents:

- CV
- Confirmation of enrolment at a university or university of applied sciences
- Fully completed contact form



## HOW IT WORKS

The submission deadline:

**29 January 2027**

Please send your complete application documents as a PDF to:

**[indusferica@swarco.com](mailto:indusferica@swarco.com)**

Only complete submissions received by the deadline will be considered.



Visit  
our website!

# SUBMISSION FORM

## CONTACT DETAILS

Student's name	
Student's email address	
Student's telephone number	

Name of the university course director	
Email address of the university course director	
Telephone number of the university course director	

Name of the university	
Address of the university	

Student signature

University signature

(Signature of the university course director and university stamp)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Abstract (max. 1,500 characters)

Innovative strength (max. 1,000 characters)

Sustainability (max. 1,000 characters)

Practicability (max. 1,000 characters)

Benefit for the industry (max. 1,000 characters)

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These following Terms and Conditions of Participation stipulate the conditions of participation in the SWARCO INDUSFERICA Talent Award organized by SWARCO INDUSFERICA (hereinafter referred to as the “Competition”). By submitting competition entries, the participants accept any and all conditions set forth in the call and these Terms and Conditions of Participation whilst granting SWARCO INDUSFERICA authorization to use and publish the content submitted without any entitlement to remuneration as set forth in these Terms and Conditions.

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Participation and submission are restricted to persons who are of age, have authored the document/project submitted (hereinafter referred to as the “Competition Entry”) and who are enrolled at a German-speaking university in Germany, Austria and Switzerland at the time of submission. If the person submitting the Competition Entry is not identical with the person who authored the Competition Entry, the submission must be countersigned by the person who authored the Competition Entry. In the event that an award is conferred, only the person who submitted the Competition Entry will receive the prize money.

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- Persons who attempt to influence the decision of a jury member
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Competition Entries will be retained by SWARCO INDUSFERICA and will not be returned to the persons submitting such Entries.

## DATA PROCESSING

Participants consent to the collection, processing and use of their personal data for the purpose of organizing the Competition. Data collected will exclusively be used for the purpose of organizing the Competition and will not be passed on to third parties unless this is necessary to fulfil legal obligations.

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In the event that individual provisions of these Terms and Conditions of Participation are or become invalid or unenforceable, this shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions. These Terms and Conditions are exclusively governed by Austrian law to the exclusion of the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. The place of performance and exclusive forum in all disputes arising from or in connection with these Terms and Conditions of Participation is Innsbruck, Austria.



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# WHO WE ARE

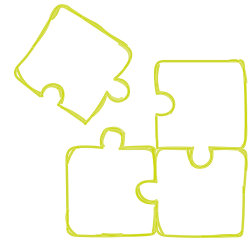
**SWARCO Indusferica** is part of the international SWARCO Group and specializes in **industrial applications of glass beads**.

We develop and produce precision-made glass bead solutions used across a wide range of industries: for example, as **functional fillers** in plastics, paints and coatings, or as **blasting media** for surface treatment.

Our aim is to use glass beads in a targeted way to noticeably improve materials, making them lighter, easier to process and more durable.

This creates solutions that enhance existing applications and open up new fields of use.

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