

**Joint press release by  
Volkswagen and BASF**

**Application phase for the fifth Volkswagen and BASF  
“Science Award Electrochemistry” has begun**

- **Researchers of excellence may apply up until August 12, 2016**
- **International science award is worth a total of €100,000, of which €50,000 goes to first place**
- **For the first time in 2016: Special award for Applied Research**
- **The award ceremony takes place in Berlin on November 21, 2016**

**Wolfsburg / Ludwigshafen (Germany), April 19, 2016 – The BASF and Volkswagen international “Science Award Electrochemistry” is now in its fifth year. With immediate effect, scientists of excellence from all over the world may apply online at [www.science-award.com](http://www.science-award.com). The website also explains the participation conditions, procedure and selection process. Deadline for applications: August 12, 2016. Contributions submitted will be assessed by a jury comprising experts from BASF, Volkswagen and representatives from the scientific community. The award ceremony takes place in Berlin on November 21, 2016.**

The international “Science Award Electrochemistry” supports excellent scientific and engineering achievements and intends to provide fresh impetus to the development of high-efficiency energy storage devices. The science award has been held every year since 2012 and is intended for scientists working in academic research all over the world. The prize money totals €100,000 and first place receives €50,000.

In 2016, on the occasion of the 5th ceremony of the science award, a special prize worth €15,000 will be awarded to recognise applied research. Different application conditions apply to the special award and they are listed at [www.science-award.com](http://www.science-award.com).

Knowledge of electrochemical processes and their application in the field of materials, battery cells or storage systems is an important base in order to develop future energy storage devices. Without these technologies, it is not possible to provide climate and resource-saving power supplies using regenerative energy or achieve future drive concepts such as electric mobility. Current energy storage devices have so far been unable to attain the performance which power supply and mobility customers are accustomed to. For this reason Volkswagen and BASF would like to motivate researchers of excellence working in science and corporate research to place even more commitment to the field of electrochemistry and its applications.

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