



\$300,000 research award

ABB creates an award to honor and support outstanding postdoctoral research

REINER SCHOENROCK – ABB has created an international research award to honor Hubertus von Gruenberg, who stepped down from his position as Chairman of the Board of Directors of ABB in April 2015. The ABB Research Award in Honor of Hubertus von Gruenberg is intended to encourage world-class research in ABB's main fields of

operation: power and automation, as applied in utilities, industries, and transport and infrastructure. The award will recognize outstanding postdoctoral research, in particular work that makes creative use of software, electronics and/or new materials, to pave the way toward groundbreaking industrial solutions.



Von Gruenberg, a theoretical physicist who wrote his doctoral dissertation in 1970 on Albert Einstein's theory of relativity, has been instrumental in setting ABB on a path to sustainable growth and in cementing its reputation as a leader in technological innovation. During his tenure as ABB Chairman from 2007 to 2015, the company achieved notable technological breakthroughs, such as the hybrid high-voltage direct current (HVDC) circuit breaker, which solved a 100-year-old engineering puzzle, and paves the way for an easy-to-manage DC grid → 1.

ABB has created the research award in his name to drive and inspire the work of some of the most promising technologists of the future. For ABB's "Next Level" strategy, innovation is fundamental. In an agile environment of global and open innovation, ABB also needs to look outside the box – outside the company – to further spur leading-edge innovations.

The award includes a \$300,000 grant for postdoctoral research within the scope of power and automation and is open to PhD graduates from any university specializing in research in power or automation. The award will be presented for the first time in 2016 and thereafter every third year.

Judges will be professors from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the Tsinghua University in Beijing, the Imperial College London, along with Hubertus von

Gruenberg and Claes Ryttoft, Chief Technology Officer of the ABB Group.

For more information about the ABB Research Award in Honor of Hubertus von Gruenberg, please visit the award website <http://new.abb.com/hvg-award>, where information on application requirements is also available.

The application deadline for the first award is January 29, 2016.

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