**EASE Student Award Application**

The European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE) is proud to announce the launch of its fifth annual Student Award, recognising outstanding graduate student research in the field of energy storage.

**Prize**

The winning student will be a guest at the EASE Energy Storage Global Conference, taking place in Brussels on 13-15 October 2020. He or she will be recognised during the conference and will be invited to present their research to the participants. In addition, EASE will cover transportation to and from Brussels as well as accommodation for the winning student for 3 nights in Brussels. This is a valuable opportunity to network with industry leaders in the energy storage sector and to learn more about energy storage technologies, business cases, and policy developments.

**Selection Procedure**

The selection of the winning student will be done by the EASE Secretariat and a selected committee of members. The selection procedure is based on the abstracts provided by students in the application form. Students will be judged on the quality of the responses, the research design, and on the relevance of the research topic to the energy storage industry. The winner will be informed by mid-September 2020.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants must either currently be enrolled as a student or have completed an MSc or PhD programme at an accredited EU university between July 2019 and July 2020. The thesis which is the basis for the application must focus on an energy storage-related topic. Eligible papers are BSc, MSc, or PhD theses submitted during the above-mentioned period. EASE will be able to evaluate abstracts written in English, but the thesis papers could also be in German or French. For papers written in other languages, applicants are asked to contact the EASE Secretariat prior to submitting their application to verify whether the Secretariat has the requisite language skills.

Applicants must be available to travel to Brussels to attend the Energy Storage Global Conference on 13-15 October 2020. Applicants from outside the EU should already be in possession of a valid visa allowing them to travel to Belgium in October 2020. EASE will only cover basic travel and accommodation costs for the event from locations within the EU or candidate countries. By submitting their application, candidates agree to allow their personal data, including the completed thesis, to be shared with EASE members.

**Instructions**

Please complete the application form in full (personal information, abstract), attach your (draft) thesis, and return both documents to b.elzarei@ease-storage.eu no later than Friday 31 July 2020. Candidates who do not comply with the eligibility criteria will be disqualified.

If you have any questions, please contact: Ms Brittney Elzarei, EASE Senior Policy Officer, at +32 2 7432982.

Personal Information

Last name:

First name:

Address:

Nationality:

If you are not an EU citizen, will you have a valid visa to reach Brussels on 13-15 October 2020? ……………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Date of birth:

E-mail address:

Phone number:

University Information

University:

City:

EU Member State:

Degree programme:

Topic of thesis:

Expected graduation date:

Name of supervising professor(s):

Contact details of professor(s):

**Q1: Please describe the topic of your research paper/thesis, including the research question, research design, and main objectives.**

*Please note that your response is limited to 2000 words.*

**Q2: Please explain the results or findings of your thesis and the implications for the broader energy storage sector.**

*Please note that your response is limited to 500 words.*