

Application Form for the RWTH Innovation Award 2026

The application for the RWTH Innovation Award 2026 consists of the fully completed application form and the cover sheet.

The application documents must be received by email at communications@rwth-innovation.de by **23 November 2026**.

Applications may be submitted in German or English. Any additional documents submitted will not be considered in the assessment.

The terms of participation and privacy notices set out in the call for applications for the RWTH Innovation Award 2026 apply.

Project Name

Team Name

Team Members

Names and institutions (e.g. Miriam Mustermann, XYZ Institute)

Description of the Idea: Short Proposal

Please describe your idea to provide the jury with an overall impression, making it understandable to a general audience. The short proposal should provide a summary of the key points of your application (max. 750 words).

Description of the Idea: Illustrations and Photos

Please add any images or photos (max. 2) here that are essential for understanding

Innovation Level of the Technology

What is the difference between this technology and the previous state of the art? How does the technology change the industry/technological field? Will new industries/technological fields be created by this technology? (max. 500 words)

Social Relevance of the Technology Field or Area of Application

What potential societal impact could the technology have? Is there broad societal interest in this technological field/application area? (max. 500 words)

Technological Readiness Level

How far has the technology developed? At what stage is it in the innovation process? To what extent does the current level of technology maturity allow for industrial application? Is it already in industrial use? (max. 500 words)

Market Readiness Level

What steps are planned or have already been taken toward market launch? (max. 500 words)

Market Potential

How large is the market for this technology? How is the market likely to develop in the future?
(max. 500 words)