



## DNFI Innovation in Natural Fibres Awards 2024

The deadline for award submissions is  
**30th September 2024**

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The Discover Natural Fibres Initiative ([DNFI](#)) was created in January 2010 as an outgrowth of the International Year of Natural Fibres 2009, declared by the United Nations General Assembly. DNFI is an organization who work to further the interests of natural fibres by serving as a platform for information exchange and by working to raise awareness of the benefits of natural fibre industries to the world economy, environment and consumers.

### **Nominations for the 2024 DNFI Innovation in Natural Fibres Award are now being accepted.**

The purposes of the award are to raise awareness of exciting innovation involving natural fibres, to raise the profiles of leading researchers and to facilitate opportunities for commercial application of their work. The DNFI Award 2024 is sponsored by the International Textile Manufacturing Federation (ITMF.org).

Submissions for the DNFI Innovation in Natural Fibres Award 2024 will be accepted until 30th September 2024, and the award winner will be announced in October. The winner will be officially recognized during a ceremony in January 2025 in Frankfurt, Germany.

#### ***Judging Procedures:***

A sub-committee of DNFI members from production, and academia will choose the award winner. The results of the judging shall be final and there will be no option to challenge their decision.

*Awards will be judged in three categories:*

- Innovative products/components or applications
- Innovative processes/procedures
- Research and science

*Evaluation criteria are:*

- Outstanding scientific work and technical feasibility
- Level of improvement of the innovation over existing products or processes
- Degree to which the innovative product or process has been implemented
- Potential for opening new outlets, markets or sectors for products made of natural fibres

*Deadline:*

Closing date for applications: 30th September 2024

*Application Templates:*

Forms for the application are available for download on the DNFI web site. <https://dnfi.org/award>  
Candidates should send the submission form to DNFI, e-mail: [Secretariat@DNFI.org](mailto:Secretariat@DNFI.org)

*Intellectual Property Rights:*

DNFI claims no rights and makes no effort to gain advantage of any kind over the intellectual property represented in applications for the annual DNFI Award for Innovation in Natural Fibres.

A list of all previous winners is available on the DNFI web site. <https://dnfi.org/category/award>