

Press release

Karl-Goldschmidt award presented to graduate at the Constance University of Applied Sciences

Constance/Leipzig, December 07, 2016: This year the Karl-Goldschmidt award from the [Goldschmidt foundation](#) was presented to Florian Straußberger, graduate at the [Constance University of Applied Science](#) for his master thesis on the subject of "Parameter identification to estimate the position in electromagnetic actuators using a discrete model reference approach". The awards ceremony took place on November 10, 2016 in the "Altes Konzil" building in Constance.

"The award winner is an excellent example of the quality of the German education system and the transfer opportunities it offers", explains Dr. Hans-Jürgen Mundinger, CEO of the [Goldschmidt Thermit Group](#) and member of the jury, in the course of the festive act. "His work demonstrates that the third-chance option in the German education system opens up opportunities for young people to study successfully at a university of applied sciences. The jury was very impressed by this." Straußberger is currently working on his doctoral thesis.

The Goldschmidt foundation established in 2011 concentrates the charitable activities of the Goldschmidt family which has been committed to cultural projects for generations and supports quality education. The foundation has presented the annual Karl-Goldschmidt award worth 5000 euros since 2015. The award commemorates the work initiated more than 100 years ago by Dr. Karl Goldschmidt as a pioneer of education and training throughout people's careers. The award is designed to assist young people who have qualified to study at a German university of applied sciences without a school leaving certificate and have successfully concluded their studies.

Before the celebration and presentation of the award, a large recruitment fair took place on the grounds of the Constance University of Applied Sciences where the Goldschmidt Thermit Group was also represented by Dr. Hans-Jürgen Mundinger, Ivonne Stemmler and Teresa Antusch. They used the opportunity to make contact with the students and encourage them to do a practical semester, or their bachelor or master thesis at the Goldschmidt Thermit Group.

A photograph of the award winner is available on request from the press office.

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