



FRANK HIRSCHVOGEL  
STIFTUNG

Building bridges. Creating the future.



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# Setting a clear signal. For the future.

In 2007, Dr Manfred Hirschvogel and the family shareholders of Hirschvogel Holding GmbH established the Foundation. The Foundation was given its name in memory of Frank Hirschvogel, the son of Dr Manfred and Anne Marie Hirschvogel (née Kennedy), who suffered a fatal accident in 2006 at the age of only 18.

With the founding of the Frank Hirschvogel Foundation, the family shareholders set a clear signal for the future – one that safeguards the company as a financially independent and autonomous family enterprise, and one that takes on responsibility as a committed sponsor of innovative projects in science and research as well as in education and vocational training in the regions surrounding the company sites.

## Commemoration of enduring value. Frank Hirschvogel.

The Foundation was established to honor the memory of Frank Hirschvogel, the son of Anne Marie Hirschvogel (née Kennedy) and Dr Hirschvogel, who suffered a fatal accident in 2006. The focus of the Foundation is on the training and support of young people, thereby opening up new opportunities for them – a mission which would certainly have been to Frank's liking. The tenor of the Foundation is thus positive and optimistic – as was Frank's character.

The Frank Hirschvogel Foundation is thus a commemoration of extraordinary and enduring value.



## One for all. Dr Manfred Hirschvogel.

The Frank Hirschvogel Foundation is also in memory of Dr Manfred Hirschvogel, who passed away in July 2010 at the age of 65.

As CEO and majority shareholder of Hirschvogel Holding GmbH, he headed the company for many years with great dedication and commitment, expansive entrepreneurial vision and an exceptionally caring approach, thereby making it into the global leader that is today in the automotive supply industry. He put his heart and soul into the company and his employees.





## Taking full responsibility. Supporting education.

Upon its establishment, the Frank Hirschvogel Foundation was given two stipulations to observe.

The first is to maintain the Hirschvogel Automotive Group as an independent, family-run company in the best interests of the employees and in its function as a key shareholder in Hirschvogel Holding GmbH.

The second is to support young people in their education and career in order to give something positive back to the community. This shows that the shareholders are aware of their social responsibility and that they make an active contribution to society.

### Vision

We build bridges – between emerging young talents and experienced mentors to impart knowledge, and between education and industry by providing school students with practical experience in the form of projects.

Our vision is to achieve equal opportunities for young people along their path to professional life. In addition, the Foundation is committed to providing individual funding for talented young people within the framework of selected programs.

The Frank Hirschvogel Foundation contributes to the sustainable and positive development of young people by using its funds in line with the articles of association.



# Recognizing needs. Targeting support.

The promotion of science and research, particularly with respect to the technological as well as economic, social and educational issues of industrial society, is the purpose of the Frank Hirschvogel Foundation, and represents active social responsibility. Above all, support is provided to projects at universities.

In addition, a particular priority of the Foundation is to support young talents at schools and other educational institutions by means of non-profit funding for education and training. In so doing, it is especially important that this support is provided to schools and institutions in the regions surrounding the plants of the Hirschvogel Automotive Group.



The Frank Hirschvogel Foundation pursues its goals particularly by

- supporting projects and providing funding measures at schools and scientific institutions
- awarding outstanding performance
- granting financial support for education and training, both in Germany and abroad, in the form of scholarships



## Perceiving synergies. Enabling projects.

One important task of the Foundation is the funding of universities, colleges and schools. At high schools in the regions surrounding the plants of the Hirschvogel Automotive Group, the spectrum of projects which the Foundation funds ranges from the organization of a Music Week to the development of a digital classroom.

The students are allowed to participate in every step of the project and even actively assist at the Hirschvogel Training Center under the supervision of the apprentices there. At colleges and universities, the Frank Hirschvogel Foundation supports both scientific research as well as projects that aim at networking with schools. In this way, added value is generated for both parties.

In addition, the Frank Hirschvogel Foundation initiates regular meetings between schools, universities and colleges to generate synergies and potential collaboration opportunities.



# Rewarding performance. Providing opportunities.

In promoting education, the Frank Hirschvogel Foundation takes great pleasure in presenting awards to the best graduates at schools in the regions surrounding the plants of the Hirschvogel Automotive Group.

At the nine leading technical universities across Germany – TU9, the best PhD dissertations in the field of mechanical engineering are honored with the Manfred Hirschvogel Prize.

The Frank Hirschvogel Foundation presents awards for the best school-leaving certificates at around 30 partner schools. These awards motivate school students to work diligently and provide a reward for outstanding performance. The best three graduates at each of the partner schools receive a prize of between €100–€300, depending on their final grades. The student with the best qualification for university entrance is awarded €1,000.

To honor the memory of Dr Manfred Hirschvogel and his work, the Manfred Hirschvogel Prize was introduced in 2013 for the best PhD dissertations in the field of mechanical engineering at selected technical universities. Since 2015, the Frank Hirschvogel Foundation has been awarding this prize at all TU9 universities in Germany.



## The TU9 universities are:

- RWTH Aachen University
- Technical University of Braunschweig
- Technical University of Berlin
- Technical University of Darmstadt
- Technical University of Dresden
- Leibniz University Hannover
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- Technical University of Munich
- University of Stuttgart



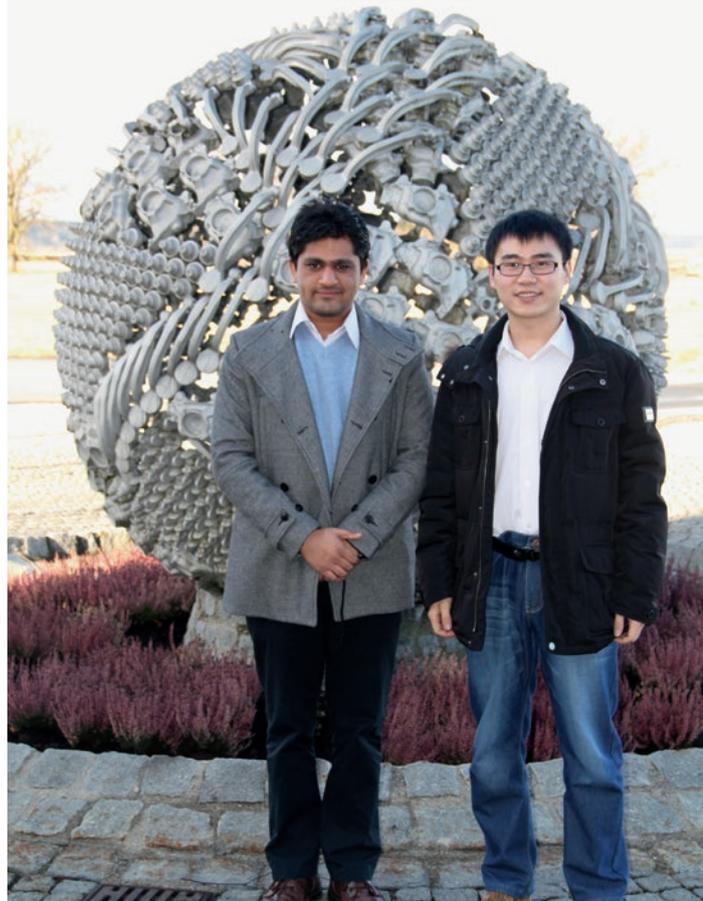


## Valuing commitment. Providing support.

Students at the Universities of Applied Sciences in Munich, Augsburg, Kempten and Schmalkalden as well as at Ilmenau University of Technology are provided with support in the form of the Deutschlandstipendium, a scholarship for high-achieving students from all over the world that is awarded at participating universities Germany-wide and funded by means of a public-private partnership.

Besides financial support, the Frank Hirschvogel Foundation also offers students the opportunity to get to know the Hirschvogel Automotive Group better and meet the various departmental heads.

By providing full scholarships at international universities, the Foundation assists highly motivated students in pursuing their studies in Germany. Likewise, students in Germany are given the opportunity to study abroad. The scholarships are awarded at the relevant universities within the framework of established scholarship programs.



# You have a project? Welcome!

In promoting education, the Frank Hirschvogel Foundation bundles its support measures regionally. We look forward to inquiries from teachers or schools from the regions around the Hirschvogel Automotive Group sites. Projects from the fields of science and research on the topics of technology and economics, social studies and ecology are welcome from all universities and institutes.

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