



## **New TEXPO award highlights excellence in nanofabrication**

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Graduate students across Canada's National Design Network (CNDN) doing hands-on work in Canadian nanofabrication laboratories now have a new competitive opportunity.

CMC Microsystems is pleased to announce the Excellence in Nanofabrication Award, the newest award category in its annual TEXPO Graduate Student Competition and Exposition. The award includes a monetary prize of \$3,000.

"Canada's university-based nanofabrication labs are an important piece of Canada's research infrastructure because of their capabilities for exploring the advanced manufacturing processes that are driving our future, and for training the innovators who will be leading this revolution," says Dan Gale, Vice-President and CTO of CMC Microsystems. "This award recognizes the transformative work being done by graduate students in these state-of-the-art environments."

The Excellence in Nanofabrication Award is one of four awards being offered at this year's event. The others are the Brian L. Barge Award for Excellence in Microsystems Integration, the Micro-nanosystems Design Award, and the Industrial Collaboration Award.

TEXPO offers graduate students in the CNDN a unique opportunity to demonstrate their novel applications of micro-nano technologies to industry representatives and academic peers and compete for a total of \$12,500 in awards.

The competition is a highlight of Innovation 360, Canada's largest annual gathering of micro-nano innovators from academia and industry across Canada's National Design Network. As in previous years, Innovation 360 will also feature the announcement of the winner of the 2017 Douglas R. Colton Medal for Research Excellence.

Co-hosted by CMC Microsystems and NanoCanada, this year's Innovation 360, themed "Converging on Nanomanufacturing," takes place Sept 25-26, 2017 at Centre Mont Royal, in Montréal.

Details about TEXPO and competition guidelines can be found at [Innovation360.ca](http://Innovation360.ca)

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### **About Canada's National Design Network and CMC Microsystems**

CMC Microsystems works with researchers and industry across Canada's National Design Network, providing access to world-class tools, technologies, expertise and industrial capabilities for designing, prototyping and manufacturing innovations in microsystems and nanotechnologies.

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