

## DGAW-Science Award 2026 for Tim Kurtz



Tim Kurtz, doctoral candidate at the ITC in the Helmholtz Sustainability Project FINEST, has won the first place of the DGAW-Science Award 2026. He was honored for his presentation “Auswirkung von Mineralfüllstoffen auf die Pyrolyse von Polystyrol” at the 15<sup>th</sup> DGAW Science Congress held at Pforzheim University from February 24 – 25, 2026.

The DGAW Science Congress serves as a professional forum for exchanging knowledge on current research topics in circular economy, recycling, and sustainable resource management. It also aims to strengthen the exchange between academia and companies in the waste management and recycling sectors. Around 170 experts from academia and the waste management industry participated in the event. The congress is supported by 60 chairs from German-speaking universities, which encourage their doctoral candidates to submit current research topics. In 2026, 30 professors were present on site. From a total of 67 submissions, a program comprising 21 technical presentations and 42 poster sessions was curated. Thematic focuses included plastic recycling, chemical recycling, battery recycling, life cycle analysis, and processes for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in waste treatment.

The award also comes with prize money. In addition, Mr. Kurtz will have the opportunity to present his research at the Science Corner during IFAT Munich 2026.

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