InterPore Foundation invites proposals from graduate students on **Innovative Ideas to Design and/or Improve Facemasks against Airborne Bacteria and Viruses**. The proposals will be reviewed by a panel of experts who will rate them on the basis of 1) Intellectual novelty, 2) Functionality, 3) Practicality, and 4) Cost effectiveness. The winners of the best and the second best proposals will receive €1500 and €1000, respectively, and they will be invited to present their PhD research at the next Interpore conference in Edinburgh, UK, 31 May till 03 June 2021. In addition to the price money, InterPore Foundation will cover their registration fee and accommodation.

The proposals should be limited to three pages in length, and they should be accompanied by a 2-min video prepared by the proposer describing the proposed idea. The abstracts of all worthy proposals and videos received by the committee will be posted on a designated website by InterPore Foundation for public access. The deadline for proposal submission is August 1, 2020.

**What to submit?**

1. A three-page proposal comprised of a single-spaced figure-embedded text, typed using Times New Roman font size 11. Each proposal should include the following sections: 1) A 200-word abstract, 2) problem description, 3) proposed solution, 4) alternative plans, and 5) expected results.
2. A 2-min video (less than 100 MB in size) description of the proposed research prepared by the student in the mp4 format.

**Who can submit?**

Any current or recently-graduated (after January 1st, 2020) PhD or MSc student may submit. Multiple submissions by the same student are not allowed.

**How to submit?**

Send your proposal to and a link for downloading the video to foundation@interpore.org by August 1st, 2020.