



NEST receives Building Award 2019

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For 13 years, the "building" foundation has been committed to promoting the next generation of engineers in the construction industry, which also includes the Building Award for remarkable and innovative engineering achievements in construction. This year's award in the "Research and Development" category goes to NEST, the modular research and innovation building of Empa and Eawag.

On 6 June 2019 in the KKL Lucerne, the [Building Award](#) was presented for the third time. A total of 21 projects had been nominated. In the category "Research and Development", two Empa projects – [NEST](#) and [memory-steel](#) – were shortlisted by the jury. In the end, the award went to the modular research and innovation building NEST, which Empa has been operating together with Eawag in Dübendorf since 2016. NEST offers both research and industry a platform, on which new ideas can be implemented, validated and further developed in a real-world environment. "NEST has convinced us through and through," said jury member Patrick Hofer-Noser in his laudatory speech. Since in today's building industry the focus is still too often on the tried and tested it is crucial to have a place where innovations can be tested and experienced, he added. In front of full ranks in KKL's Lucerne Hall Peter Richner, Deputy CEO of Empa, and Eawag representative Carina Doll accepted the award on behalf of the project team.



Carina Doll from Eawag and Peter Richner, Deputy CEO of Empa, talking to moderator Christa Rigozzi at the award ceremony.

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