



The Knowledge Foundation (KK-stiftelsen) has granted VIPP funding for two additional licentiate students.

– We are really glad that two more students can join VIPP, says Lars Järnström, Program Director of the Industrial Graduate School. The network established here between doctoral students, business and the academy is a good platform for a future in the industry.

VIPP is funding the new licentiate positions through reallocating funds that became available after three students completed their licentiate degrees and chose not to continue with their doctorates.

Simon Lundevall has been appointed as one of the new licentiate students. Simon, who works as quality manager at Härjeåns Energi AB, will be investigating how the productivity of a biofuel dryer may be improved.

 I haven't really started the project yet, but I'm looking forward to combining my job with a research education. It'll be really interesting, says Simon Lundevall.

Anders Wiklund, director of Härjeåns Energi AB, welcomes this type of collaboration between industry and academy where the project is run and fnanced by both parties.

– Already at the start of Helena's project on increased availability and reduced energy consumption of the dryer during wood pellet production, we noticed that there is a much larger area that could be explored. When we were asked about another licentiate student it seemed appropriate to focus on the chemical component of the project.

The other licentiate student has not yet been appointed; at the moment we are talking to different companies and a decision is expected soon.

TAPPI's Advanced Coating Symposium will be held on October 4-6 in Stockholm at the Innventia headquarters. TAPPI is of ering a forum for researchers and coating technologists to present their fndings concerning coating fundamentals and leading edge developments postgraduate researcher at Pöyry, in Karlstad. His project focus on added value from biomass by broader utilization of fuels and CHP plants.