

Guidelines for submitting a nomination for the Life Sciences and Physics prizes awarded by Beutenberg Campus Jena e.V.

Beutenberg Campus Jena e.V. awards annual science prizes to successful researchers for outstanding work in life sciences and physics.

One of the prizes is awarded for the best doctoral thesis of the previous year in the field.
(‘Doctoral Thesis Prize’ category)

A second prize honours an outstanding scientific achievement by a young researcher.
(‘Young Researcher Prize’ category)

In addition, a third prize may be awarded in recognition of excellent interdisciplinary collaboration between researchers from two or more independent working groups. These working groups must be based in at least two different institutions or institutes that are members of Beutenberg Campus Jena e.V. **(‘Excellent Interdisciplinary Collaboration’ category)**

All nominations received by the deadline are evaluated by a jury composed of the directors of the Beutenberg institutes. The prizes are usually presented during the annual ‘Noble Gespräche’ series of public lectures by Nobel laureates. If there is no suitable nominee, the prize will not be awarded in that year. The prizes are currently worth 1,000 euros each.

**Guidelines for nominations:
Category 1 'Doctoral Thesis Prize' and
Category 2 'Young Researcher Prize'**

- Those eligible to be nominated are scientists who have obtained their doctorates in physics, biology, geosciences, bioinformatics, chemistry, medicine or related fields. Substantial parts of the work must have been carried out at one of the Beutenberg Campus Jena e.V. institutes.
- The nomination can be a proposal from an individual or from one of the institutes.
- As a rule, candidates for the science prize for young researchers should not be older than 35 at the time of nomination, while candidates for the doctoral thesis prize should not have been older than 30 at the time they completed their doctorate.
- Nominations may be submitted in English or German.
- Documentation relating to a candidate's work should not exceed four pages (Arial, 11 p), including an explanation of how the results fit in with current research in the field and a description of the context in which the work was done. The nomination must be signed by the candidate's academic supervisor or the director of the institute.
- The biography/Curriculum Vitae of the candidate may be up to two pages long (Arial 11 p) and should include the person's current address or other contact details and the date of birth.
- The nomination should be accompanied by a list of publications with details of the impact factors. In the 'Young Researcher Prize' category, a statement of the h-index (Web of Science) is also desirable.
The submission of original theses or papers is not required.
- Nominations can be submitted by letter or e-mail (PDF file) directly to the Campus office (campus@beutenberg.de) or to the chair of the board of Beutenberg Campus Jena e.V.
- The jury awards the prizes according to the following criteria:
 - Quality or scientific demands of the work, reflected in the number and importance of the publications, taking into account the age of the applicants.
 - Relevance of the work to the campus motto 'Life Science meets Physics'
 - Mobility/international character of the candidates

**Guidelines for nominations:
Category 3 'Excellent Interdisciplinary Collaboration'**

- Those eligible to be nominated are scientists who have obtained their doctorates in physics, biology, geosciences, bioinformatics, chemistry, medicine and related fields.
- Substantial parts of the collaborative project must have been carried out in at least two institutions or institutes that are members of Beutenberg Campus Jena e.V.
- The collaboration must be evidenced by at least one outstanding joint publication in a recognised international journal. This publication must be current, i.e., it should have been published in the previous year or in the year of nomination and be made available as a PDF file.
- The project teams are allowed to nominate themselves and must state who is responsible for the project and should accept the award. This choice should be justified in the nomination.
- There is no age restriction for candidates for the award in the 'Excellent Interdisciplinary Collaboration' category.
- Nominations may be submitted in German or English.
- Documentation relating to the work should not exceed four pages (Arial, 11 p), including an explanation of how the results fit in with current research in the field and a description of the context in which the work was done. There should also be an evaluation of the transfer potential of the scientific findings. It should be made clear which of the lead collaboration partners had what share of the joint project.
- The biography/Curriculum Vitae of the scientists from the member institutions who led the collaborative project must be provided. Each may total up to two pages (Arial 11 p) and should include the current address or other contact details of each individual.
- Individual publication lists of the researchers from the member institutions who led the nominated collaboration must be submitted. Candidates should also provide the relevant h-indices (Web of Science).
- Nominations can be submitted by letter or e-mail (PDF file) directly to the Campus office (campus@beutenberg.de) or to the chair of the board of Beutenberg Campus Jena e.V.
- The prize money of 1,000 euros is intended to benefit the collaborating groups, with the aim of strengthening the team spirit of the researchers. The money can therefore be earmarked for a social event of the group's choice, in coordination with Beutenberg Campus Jena e.V. This event must take place within six months after the awards ceremony.