

# Call: Best Collaborative BioTechMed-Graz Paper Award 2026

## 1. Objective

The **Best Collaborative BioTechMed-Graz Paper Award** recognizes outstanding collaborative scientific publications with BioTechMed-Graz affiliation and is presented annually to authors. The winner receives **EUR 3,000** and this award can be used for further research activities at the institute or can be used as a personal bonus payment (social security charges, taxes and other statutory costs will be deducted).

## 2. Who is eligible to apply?

- Authors of original scientific **BioTechMed-Graz-papers** that have been published or accepted for publication (in this case the letter of acceptance is required)
  - in a peer-reviewed journal
  - between the period January 1, 2025 - September 1, 2026
- **At least two full members** of BioTechMed-Graz\* from at least **two partner universities** must be authors of the publication
  - Only the first author(s) and corresponding author(s), who must be either full members or associate members of BioTechMed-Graz, can apply
  - For all publication formats that do not have lead authors and/or where the authors are ordered alphabetically, all authors can apply
- **The paper must include a BioTechMed-Graz affiliation.**
- A maximum of one application per person and per publication will be accepted.

## 3. Application

A complete proposal must include the following elements (see the form provided below):

- Publication
- Details on the publication, as requested in the form.
- Justification for the nomination (i.e., a summary statement describing the work's originality and timeliness and significance to the field and possibly beyond the immediate field of research; max. 1 page)

## 4. Decision process

The selection of the winner by the International Scientific Advisory Board is based on the following criteria:

- Originality

- General scientific quality
- Contributions to the field
- Clarity of writing
- Timeliness

The Executive Committee will make the final decision based on the recommendation of the International Scientific Advisory Board. Public announcement of the award winner usually takes place at the General Meeting of BioTechMed-Graz.

## 5. Timeline

