

## **GBM (German Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) Master Thesis Award**

Since 2006 the GBM honors excellent master theses written in the fields of biochemistry or molecular biology with the Master Thesis Award (GBM-Masterpreis). The award is bestowed in association with the city based junior groups and since 2019 is awarded in Cologne too.

### **Who can apply?**

Graduates of the University of Cologne are eligible for application if their master thesis is strongly related to the fields of biochemistry and/or molecular biology and has been officially submitted to the examinations office by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **How can a candidate be nominated for the award?**

Candidates can be nominated by the professor supervising the thesis or can nominate themselves. Nomination occurs via email to [koeln@junior-gbm.de](mailto:koeln@junior-gbm.de) and must include all the required documents. The documents required are the master thesis in PDF format, a copy that does not include your name also in PDF format and a confirmation from the examinations office certifying that the thesis has been submitted.

The supervising professor may only nominate a candidate with their agreement. A short message is sufficient, a letter of recommendation is not desired.

### **How is the winner determined?**

The winner is determined in a two-step process. In the first step the junior GBM Cologne Master Thesis Award Committee, consisting of students enrolled in a Bachelor/Master Biology/Biochemistry/Chemistry course at the University of Cologne, reaches a preselection. In the second step a professor at the university selects the winner from the preselection.

### **What prize does the winner receive?**

The winner of the award will receive a book voucher from Springer Spektrum worth 150 euros and a free one-year membership in the GBM. The membership includes the BIOSpektrum magazine.

**When and where is the awards ceremony?**

The GBM Master Thesis Award in Cologne is presented once a year. The next awards ceremony will occur on 29.11.2023 at 3 pm, where a master thesis from the winter term 2022/2023 or the summer term 2023 will be honored. The winner of the award is required to give a 10 minute presentation about the thesis. Usually this occurs during the biochemical colloquium.

**The application deadline for the GBM Master Thesis Award 2023 in Cologne is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**