

# Friedrich Miescher Award 2027

To commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the discovery of nucleic acids, the Molecular and Cellular Biosciences section of Life Sciences Switzerland (formerly the Swiss Society for Molecular and Cellular Biosciences/Swiss Society for Biochemistry) has created the Friedrich Miescher Award. The prize is intended to honour **young biochemists** and is donated by the Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research (FMI) in Basel.

The following guidelines apply to nominations:

1. The Friedrich Miescher Award may be awarded once every year to a young scientist for **outstanding achievements in biochemistry**.
2. Candidates are eligible who have **not yet reached the age of 40 years** on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the award year. Please note: for female candidates with children, extend the age limit by one year per child. For male candidates with children, extend the age limit by 6 weeks per child, or the actual time taken off as parental leave, whichever is longer. The maximum extension for men is 6 months.
3. Preference will be given to candidates with a documented record of **independent research**.
4. The scientific work must have been carried out in Switzerland or by Swiss scientists abroad.
5. Health care professionals ("HCP") are not eligible for the award.

Nominations can be submitted [HERE](#) by **October 18, 2026**.

Please prepare a **single .pdf file** containing a **letter stating the relevance of the candidate's scientific work, their CV, and a list of publications with embedded links to the 4-5 most relevant publications** before starting the submission.