



**AWARD FOR THE BEST PHD STUDENT IN  
LIFE SCIENCES AND BIOTECHNOLOGY  
YEAR 2025**

**Art. 1 Establishment**

The PhD Programme Board in **Life Sciences and Biotechnology** has approved the tenth edition of the “*Award for the Best PhD Student in Life Sciences and Biotechnology – Year 2025*”, open to students enrolled in the 39th and 40th cycles.

The purpose of this Award is to recognize the best scientific paper published between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025 by a student enrolled in the PhD Programme.

**Art. 2 Number and Amount of Awards**

Two awards, each worth €1,000.00 (gross amount payable to the recipient), will be granted. A 25% withholding tax will be applied pursuant to Article 30 of Presidential Decree No. 600/1973.

**Art. 3 Eligibility Requirements, Application Procedure and Deadline**

PhD students enrolled in the 39th and 40th cycles of the PhD Programme in Life Sciences and Biotechnology are eligible to apply.

Applications must be submitted by **September 30, 2026**, using the application form and accompanying form attached to this Call.

Applicants must be co-authors of a scientific publication published, including online publication, between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025. **The publication must explicitly acknowledge the affiliation with the PhD Programme in the acknowledgements section.**

Each PhD student may submit only one application, including one scientific publication.

The application must be scanned in PDF format, bear the Candidate's original handwritten signature, and be sent from the Candidate's institutional email account to the Didactic Secretariat of the Department of Biotechnology and Life Sciences at the following email address: [dottorato.dbsv@uninsubria.it](mailto:dottorato.dbsv@uninsubria.it).

Applications that do not meet the eligibility requirements or are missing any mandatory attachments will be considered incomplete and the Candidate will be excluded from the selection process.

**Art. 4 Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee will consist of external reviewers selected from among the candidates proposed by the faculty members of the PhD Programme Board. Reviewers must not be co-authors of any of the papers submitted for evaluation, in accordance with the principles of impartiality and the absence of conflicts of interest.

**Art. 5 Selection Criteria**



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The Selection Committee will assess the submissions based on the following criteria: the originality, impact and scientific value of the publication within the relevant field, as well as the Candidate's contribution. The following scores will be assigned:

- a. Originality of the research: up to **10 points**;
- b. Scientific innovation and methodological approach: up to **15 points**;
- c. Candidate's individual contribution: up to **5 points**.

The Selection Committee's decision is final and cannot be appealed. The Committee may decide not to award the Prize if it considers the scientific papers submitted to be unsuitable.

This call is published on the University's official online notice board.

The ranking list will be published on the University's website within 50 days of the closing date of the Call, in accordance with applicable transparency requirements.

Candidates selected as winners must accept the Award within 10 days of its notification. If a Candidate does not accept the Award, it will be offered to the next Candidate in the ranking.

#### **Art. 6 Information on the Application of Anti-Corruption Legislation**

The University of Insubria, in implementation of Law No. 190 of 6 November 2012, entitled "Provisions for the Prevention and Suppression of Corruption and Illegality in Public Administration", has adopted its Integrated Plan of Activities and Organization (PIAO), which includes a section concerning measures for the prevention of corruption and transparency, and has appointed the Head of Corruption Prevention and Transparency (RPCT).

The PIAO is published on the University's institutional website:

[https://uninsubria.amministrazionetrasparente.cineca.it/pagina44\\_piano-della-performance.html](https://uninsubria.amministrazionetrasparente.cineca.it/pagina44_piano-della-performance.html)

Any reports concerning irregularities identified in the conduct of the procedure referred to in this Call for Applications may be sent to the following email address: [anticorruzione@uninsubria.it](mailto:anticorruzione@uninsubria.it).

#### **Art. 7 – Information on the Processing of Personal Data**

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), personal data shall be processed exclusively for purposes related to the procedure.



**PRIVACY NOTICE – AWARD FOR THE BEST PHD STUDENT IN LIFE SCIENCES  
AND BIOTECHNOLOGY, YEAR 2025**

**PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (EU  
REGULATION 2016/679) AND LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO. 196/2003, AS AMENDED  
– "PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION CODE"**

The personal data provided in connection with the selection process for the Award for the Best PhD Student in Life Sciences and Biotechnology – Year 2025, at the University of Insubria, will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU Regulation 2016/679) and Legislative Decree No. 196/2003, as amended – the “Personal Data Protection Code”.

This privacy notice is provided, pursuant to the General Data Protection Regulation (EU Regulation 2016/679), to all individuals intending to participate in the aforementioned selection process.

For the purposes of this notice, please note that the Data Controller is the legal entity that determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data.

Personal data refers to any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (the “data subject”).

Special categories of personal data (formerly referred to as “sensitive data”) include data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, as well as genetic data, biometric data intended to uniquely identify a natural person, data concerning health, and data concerning a person’s sex life or sexual orientation.

Judicial data means data relating to criminal convictions and offences and related security measures.

**1. Data Controller and Data Protection Officer**

The Data Controller is the University of Insubria, represented by the Rector, with registered office in Varese (VA), Via Ravasi, 2 – Certified Email (PEC): [ateneo@pec.uninsubria.it](mailto:ateneo@pec.uninsubria.it).

Data subjects may contact the Data Protection Officer (DPO) to exercise their rights under Articles 12 to 21 of the GDPR, by writing to the following email address: [privacy@uninsubria.it](mailto:privacy@uninsubria.it).

The updated list of data processors and persons authorized to process personal data is available at the Data Controller’s registered office.

**2. Purpose of Data Processing**

Personal data processed include: personal identification data and special categories of data, contact details (such as name, surname, date and place of birth, tax code, residence, Italian citizenship), academic records (credits earned, grades, etc.), tax and banking information, and results of the selection procedure.

**3. Purpose and Legal Basis of the Processing**

Personal data will be processed for the purpose of verifying that the requirements for participation in the selection procedure are met and that there are no grounds preventing participation, including with regard to special categories of personal data and judicial data.

The legal basis for processing, pursuant to Article 6(1)(c) of the GDPR, is the need to comply with a legal obligation to which the Data Controller is subject, including Law No. 398 of 30 November 1989 concerning university scholarships.

Processing is also necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, pursuant to Article 6(1)(e) of the GDPR.

Special categories of personal data and judicial data will be processed only to the extent strictly necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, as provided for by law, pursuant to Article 9(2)(g) of the GDPR..

**4. Nature of Data Provision**

The provision of personal data is mandatory. Failure to provide the required data will result in exclusion from the selection procedure.

**5. Methods of Data Processing**

Personal data will be collected and processed in accordance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness, relevance, completeness and data minimization in relation to the purposes for which the data are processed. Personal data will be processed in accordance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness and transparency established by law, using appropriate systems and tools for recording and storing the data. Appropriate

measures will be adopted to ensure the security of the data and to protect the confidentiality of the Data Subject to the fullest extent possible.

#### **6. Data Retention Period**

Personal data relating to identity and records such as rankings or official reports will be retained indefinitely, including for historical interest, in compliance with archival obligations set out by current regulations (Presidential Decree 445/2000, Legislative Decree 42/2004, Prime Ministerial Decree of 3 December 2013).

#### **7. Recipients or Categories of Recipients of the Data**

The data processed for the purposes mentioned above may be communicated or made accessible to employees and collaborators assigned to the relevant offices of the University of Insubria.

The University may also communicate the data to other public administrations if such data are necessary for institutional procedures under their jurisdiction, as well as to any public entities to whom, under applicable EU regulations, national laws, or other provisions, such communication is mandatory.

The management and storage of personal data take place at the University and/or at the premises of service providers required for the technical and administrative management of the procedure. These providers may become aware of the data solely for the purposes of providing the contracted services and are appointed as Data Processors under Article 28 of the GDPR.

A complete and updated list of Data Processors is available upon request at the office of the Data Controller.

#### **8. Data Transfer Abroad**

No data transfers outside the European Union are foreseen.

#### **9. Data Subject Rights**

The following rights may be exercised by data subjects with respect to the University of Insubria (Data Controller):

- Right of access to one's personal data and all information referred to in Article 15 of the GDPR;
- Right to rectification of inaccurate personal data and to completion of incomplete data;
- Right to erasure of personal data, except for data contained in documents that must be retained by the University under legal obligations, and unless there is a prevailing legitimate reason to continue processing;
- Right to restriction of processing under the conditions outlined in Article 18 of the GDPR;
- Right to object to the processing of personal data, without prejudice to the necessity and lawfulness of processing for the establishment and continuation of the selection procedure;
- Right to data portability, meaning the right to receive data in a structured, commonly used, and machine-readable format, and to transmit those data to another controller where technically feasible;
- Right to withdraw consent at any time for non-mandatory data processing, without affecting the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

To exercise these rights, the data subject may contact the Data Protection Officer by sending a request to the following email address: [privacy@uninsubria.it](mailto:privacy@uninsubria.it).

#### **10. Complaint**

Data subjects also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Italian Data Protection Authority ([www.garanteprivacy.it](http://www.garanteprivacy.it)), or with the Supervisory Authority of the EU Member State in which they reside or work, or where the alleged violation occurred, if they believe that the processing of their personal data is not in compliance with the GDPR.

#### **11. Changes to this Privacy Notice**

This privacy notice may be subject to changes. It is therefore recommended to regularly consult this document and refer to the most recent version available.