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«Dr. Lutz und Dr. Celia Zwillenberg-Prize»

Call 2024

The commission of the "Dr. Lutz and Dr. Celia Zwillenberg Prize" invites applications for the "Dr. Lutz and Dr. Celia Zwillenberg Prize" for biological sciences

The "Dr. Lutz and Dr. Celia Zwillenberg Prize" for the best dissertation or research paper in the field of biological sciences (with a focus on biology and biochemistry) was awarded at the university for the first time in 2012. The prize is awarded for three outstanding PhD theses or scientific papers. Each award is endowed with a prize of CHF 10,000.

The call for applications is aimed on the one hand at people who have completed their PhD thesis in 2023 at the Faculty of Science, the Vetsuisse Faculty (Bern) or the Faculty of Medicine in the field of biological sciences (the date of the examination applies) and on the other hand at postdocs (PhDs) of the aforementioned faculties who have published a publication in the field of biological sciences in 2023. In the case of postdoctoral publications, the doctorate must not have been awarded more than five years ago (cut-off date May 1, 2019, date of examination) and the paper must have been produced as part of an employment at the University of Bern.

Persons who are no longer employed at the University of Bern or Inselspital are also eligible to participate, provided they meet the above conditions.

The candidate must submit the following by May 1, 2024:

- Summary of the PhD thesis on a maximum of one A4 page (by the candidate)
- Letter of recommendation from the supervisor stating the candidate's academic achievements and the relationship of the thesis to the University of Bern. The person must have supervised the thesis as part of an employment at the University of Bern. In the case of theses with several authors, the contribution of the candidate must be explained.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Declaration by the candidate as to whether the thesis has already received other prizes or has been submitted for other prizes (or not).
- Proof of the date of the doctoral examination, both for applicants submitting a PhD thesis or a research paper.
- The thesis or research paper itself

The application documents (German and/or English) in the form of a PDF (one file) are accepted by the Secretariat of the Commission: info.research@unibe.ch.

For further information, please contact the President of the Commission Prof. Dr. Norbert Polacek:
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The committee assesses the originality and scientific level of the submitted work. The prizes will be announced at the Dies academicus 2024 of the University of Bern (Saturday, December 7, 2024).

The Commission:

Prof. Dr. Norbert Polacek (Präsident), Departement für Chemie, Biochemie und Pharmazie (DCBP)

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