



Guidelines on the award of the Siegfried Czapski Publication Prize of the Jena Alliance "Life in Focus"

Subject

The Siegfried Czapski Publication Prize is an award for PhD candidates and postdocs within the Jena Alliance "Life in Focus" who have written an outstanding interdisciplinary publication at the interface of the university profile lines LIGHT and LIFE. The prize is awarded once a year.

The prize consists of a certificate and a monetary award of 2,000 EUR.

Criteria for the award

1. The publication must represent an outstanding scientific contribution in the interdisciplinary research area of the university profile lines LIGHT and LIFE.
2. The publication was accepted in a peer-reviewed journal of international quality.
3. Only a single publication can be nominated and not a series of related papers.
4. Significant work on the publication must have been carried out within the framework of the doctorate at the Friedrich Schiller University. However, the award winner is not required to be a member of the university at the time of the award.
5. The work must have been accepted for publication within one year before the nomination deadline and a full manuscript has to be attached to the nomination letter.
6. The candidate is nominated for the award by a supervisor.
7. The candidate is the first author of the publication and has made an exceptional contribution to the study. This may be in the form of decisive ideas in the design of the study, the development of a novel method for investigating hypotheses, or overcoming significant obstacles in answering the research question. It is the responsibility of the nominating supervisor to explicitly state the importance of the individual contribution.
8. The impact factor of the journal in which the work is published is not a primary selection criterion for the award. Rather, the focus of the award is on the scientific significance of the contribution, as outlined above.

Nomination

1. Supervisors of doctoral candidates in the fields of life sciences, optics/photonics and medicine are eligible for nomination.
2. The nomination is made via the application portal and includes a letter of nomination of up to two pages and a complete manuscript of the publication. In the nomination letter, particular reference should be made to the candidate's own contribution as well as to the publication's relevance to the interdisciplinary research area of the university profile lines LIGHT and LIFE.

3. Nominations can be submitted in English or German.

Awarding

1. All nominations received on time will be evaluated by a jury consisting of at least three renowned scientists from the fields of life sciences, optics/photonics and medicine. The members of the jury are appointed for at least two years by the steering committee of the Jena Alliance. The members of the jury do not have the right to nominate candidates.
2. A (non-voting) member of the Jena Alliance steering committee chairs the selection process. The nominated papers are to be evaluated by the members of the jury with regard to their award-worthiness, considering the outstanding scientific achievement and the contribution in the interdisciplinary research area of the university profile lines LIGHT and LIFE. The following applies to the decision-making process: The jury must reach a unanimous decision by vote.
3. The prize cannot be divided between several candidates. If there is no suitable nomination for a prize winner, the prize will be suspended.
4. The jury must give written reasons for its decision. These reasons form the basis for the laudations during the public award ceremony.
5. The public award ceremony usually takes place in the autumn of each year as part of a public event.

Miscellaneous

The Siegfried Czapski Publication Prize is made possible by funding from the Carl Zeiss Stiftung.

There is no entitlement to the prize, so there can be no objections (or "remedies") to it either.

The prize money for scientific achievements must be taxed as employment income in the income tax return. See information sheet on income tax and social security obligations for prizes awarded to employees of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena.

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