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Official Rules for “The tiny application to win a QIAmini”

The contest is sponsored by QIAGEN GmbH, Qiagen Str. 1, 40724 Hilden, Germany.

1. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

QIAGEN will provide the Research Grant only to the employer of the winning applicant. The person submitting the application (the “Applicant”) is therefore entering on behalf of their employer, which will be the recipient of the Research Grant (the “Grant Recipient”). By submitting an application for a Research Grant, the Applicant certifies that they have obtained any permissions required from the Grant Recipient to submit such application on the Grant Recipient's behalf and is not violating any policies of the Grant Recipient in so doing.

This program is void where prohibited by law. Individuals or entities classified as healthcare professionals or healthcare organizations under any applicable laws or industry codes of ethics may not participate in this program.

QIAGEN reserves the right to exclude participants, at any time and without notice, who technically tamper with the contest, the selection process or otherwise, to oppose these terms and conditions. In case of a dispute regarding the identity of the person submitting an online entry, the entry will be deemed to be submitted by the person in whose name the e-mail account is registered. If a certain name is suggested by more than one

person, the entry will be deemed to be suggested according to the date of the suggestion being registered, the first person to submit the suggestion will, therefore, be credited with it.

All taxes, including, without limitation, federal, state, and local taxes on or in connection with the prize, are the sole responsibility of the winning entry. The sponsor reserves the right to substitute any prize of equal or greater value in its sole discretion. No cash prize alternative will be awarded and the prize is not transferable. The sponsor reserves the right to cancel, suspend and modify the contest at its sole discretion. By participating in the contest, entrants agree to release and hold harmless the sponsor from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the contest, including any errors in the administration of the promotion, printing errors, and technical errors, and the winner and his or her entry agree to release and hold harmless the sponsor as well from receipt or use of any prize awarded and further agrees to the disclosure of the name of the winning entry.

Return of any award notification as undeliverable will result in forfeiture of the award. Legal recourse is excluded. QIAGEN, its officers, directors, affiliates, subsidiaries, agencies, agents and representatives and their respective employees are not responsible and shall not be liable for: (a) electronic, hardware or software program, network, internet or computer malfunctions, failures or difficulties of any kind, including without limitation server malfunctions or by any error (human or otherwise) which may occur in the processing of applications; or (b) any condition caused by events beyond the control of QIAGEN that may cause the application and award process to be disrupted or corrupted. Any attempt by an entrant to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the award program may be a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should

such an attempt be made, QIAGEN reserves the right to seek damages from such person to the extent permitted by law.

2. ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must be performing life sciences research at an institution (e.g., technician, student, post-doc, scientist, principal investigator, etc...) or accepted for a Master, MD or PhD program at an institution that performs life sciences starting within the next 3 months. The applicant must be responsible for the research described. Employees and immediate family members of QIAGEN cannot participate in the research grant. Individuals or entities classified as healthcare professionals or healthcare organizations under any applicable laws or industry codes of ethics may not participate in this program.

Submissions are accepted from any researcher regardless of age, gender, country of origin, background or religion. The research described in the submission must be considered a life science research area.

3. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- a. To enter the contest, complete the application form found below by August 21, 2026. Only one entry per representative will be considered. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Submissions must be in the English language. Submissions are only accepted via the online form. Five winners will be determined by a judging process outlined in the Evaluation process section.
- b. Submissions must relate to research use only applications. Submissions related to diagnostic use applications will not be accepted. Incomplete

- submissions or those that do not meet the requirements will be rejected.
- c. By participating in the grant program, all applicants consent to the use of their photos, names and research details by QIAGEN for winner announcements and other communications related to the grant program, including but not limited to the QIAGEN website, QIAGEN social media channels and QIAGEN online events (Such as 'Q-rious'). The consent is voluntary but necessary for processing the application and entering the grant program. For further information, please refer to QIAGEN's Privacy Policy.
 - d. The five winners will be notified by telephone call or email no later than November 1, 2026.
 - e. By submitting an application for this research grant, the applicant acknowledges and agrees that, if selected for funding, they will provide QIAGEN with experimental data generated using the QIAmini instrument and the QIAmini Kit as part of the funded project. QIAmini instrument and associated kits are for Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

The submitted dataset must:

- Represent a standard use of the QIAmini instrument and the QIAmini kit in accordance with the applicable Instructions for Use;
 - Not include modifications, customizations, or non-standard workflows;
 - Contain a minimum of five (5) data points; and
 - Be of sufficient quality to demonstrate the intended performance of the instrument and kit.
- The applicant grants QIAGEN a perpetual, worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free right and license to use, reproduce, analyze, modify, publish, display, distribute and otherwise use the submitted data, together with the applicant's name, institution and non-confidential experimental details, for marketing, promotional, educational, scientific

communication and other business purposes, in any media or format, without further notice or compensation.

The applicant represents and warrants that:

1. they are duly authorized to submit the application on behalf of the Grant Recipient, and that the Grant Recipient has approved participation in the contest and acceptance of the Research Grant in accordance with its internal policies and procedures.
2. all submitted data have been generated in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, ethical requirements and institutional policies;
2. all necessary approvals, permissions, and consents have been obtained to share the data and grant the rights described in these Terms and Conditions;
3. all experimental work and data generation are conducted in accordance with applicable Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) principles and consistent with accepted laboratory quality standards appropriate for the research being performed.
4. any data provided to QIAGEN have been appropriately de-identified and do not contain personal data or other information that would violate applicable privacy or data protection laws; and
5. the submitted materials do not infringe the intellectual property or other rights of any third party.
6. Data must be provided no later than 31st of March, 2027.

Unless otherwise agreed by QIAGEN in writing prior to submission, the applicant acknowledges that the submitted data, experimental details and related information will not be treated as confidential and may be publicly disclosed or used by QIAGEN for the purposes described above.

4. EVALUATION PROCESS

The applications will be evaluated by QIAGEN employees from QIAGEN Molecular Tools & Oncology department, QIAGEN Global Marketing Department and QIAGEN Regional Marketing department and have no conflicts of interest with any participants. Our distinguished panel of experts in the field of life science research will review and select the five finalists. All applications will be judged using a scoring system with a maximum possible score of 5 points. Entries will be graded based on:

1. Well-defined and clearly stated answers to the three short questions in the application (60%)
2. Originality and Innovation of the proposal (20%)
3. Use of QIAmini and kits for research is well defined and sample type is suited for QIAmini and kits (20%)

The five winners will be determined as follows:

- The top five scorers
- If scores are tied, judges will vote at their own discretion to determine the winner

6. PRIZES

Each of the five grant recipients will receive:

1. One QIAmini instrument
2. Two of the following kits designed for use in the QIAmini of their choice:
 - QIAmini RNA Tissue/Cells Kit
 - QIAmini DNA Tissue/Cells Kit
 - QIAmini DNA Blood Kit
 - QIAmini Pathogen Kit

- QIAmini PowerFecal® Pro DNA/RNA Kit

7. DATA PROCESSING

- QIAGEN is committed to protecting your privacy. When we process personal data, we observe the rules laid down in the applicable data protection laws, including but not limited to General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and California Consumer Privacy Act. If personal data is transferred outside the EU/EEA, we will ensure that appropriate contractual measures (e.g., using standard contractual clauses of the EU Commission) are applied to the transfer, the transfer is lawful, and that the processing and confidentiality comply with the applicable laws. For more information, please refer to QIAGEN's [Privacy Policy](#).
- This contest is void where prohibited by law. The contest is sponsored by QIAGEN GmbH, Qiagen Str. 1, 40724 Hilden, Germany.
- These Official Rules are governed by, and must be construed in accordance with, the laws of Germany. Entrants agree that all disputes arising from or in connection with this Research Grant must be heard in a state or federal court of Germany.