

## **Official Rules for the Young Scientist Research Grant**

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 he or she has 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.

## **Eligibility**

All applicants must be currently enrolled graduate students (Master's or Ph.D.) or accepted for a Master's or Ph.D. program starting within the next 6 months and must be primarily 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 fall within the following life science research areas: cancer, microbiome, microbiology or sustainability.

## **Submission Guidelines**

To enter the contest, complete the application form found below by May 15, 2022. Only one entry per representative will be considered. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Submissions must be in 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.

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.

All applicants consent to provide periodic interviews for QIAGEN's Diaries of a life Scientist initiative, introducing themselves and explaining their research project and progress to be used in the event they are chosen as winners.

Applicants also agree to allow QIAGEN to publish the interviews on the QIAGEN website, QIAGEN social media channels and at QIAGEN online events. The five winners will be notified by telephone call or email.

## **Evaluation Process**

The applications will be evaluated by QIAGEN employees from marketing and R&D and have no conflicts of interest with any participants. Our panel of experts in the field of Cancer, Microbiome/Microbiology and Sustainability research will review and select the five finalists. All applications will be judged using a scoring system with a maximum possible score of 100 points. Entries will be graded based on:

- Well-defined and clearly stated background, hypothesis, methods and aim of the research proposal (50 points)
- Originality and Innovation of the proposal (20 pts)

- Likelihood of successfully conducting proposed research within 12 months (10 pts)
- QIAGEN products to be used for research well defined (20 pts)

The 5 winners will be determined as follows:

- The top scorer in each of the three research areas: Cancer Research, Microbiome/Microbiology, Sustainability
- Master's student with highest score
- Next top scorer independent of research area and career level

### **Prizes**

The five grant recipients will receive a CLC Premium Workbench license subscription for one year worth \$5,000 USD and a consumables prize package worth \$10,000 USD. The awardee can select any products from our life science consumables portfolio based on our product list prices with no additional or existing discount.

### **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. Further details can be found in our Privacy Policy. 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 are in compliance with the applicable laws.

Participants consent to their identity being revealed in announcements via the company internal communications channels. For further 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.