

BSCDB PhD Excellence Award 2020*Encouraging research in cell and developmental biology*

The BSCDB PhD Excellence Award wants to recognize and reward a young scientist for outstanding research achievements in the fields of cell and/or developmental biology, and to encourage young scientists to make the next step in their scientific career. This award does that by supporting the mobility for a post-doctoral career to a research institute different from the PhD host University. It consists of a certificate of scientific distinction, and the accompanying funds (5,000 €) are available to provide support to the awardee who wishes to engage or is already engaged in a challenging post-doctoral project. This prize will be awarded at the occasion of the BSCDB Autumn Meeting 2020, where the winner is expected to present her/his work.

Who can apply?

- Full-time young researchers having demonstrated a capacity to perform outstanding research in cell and/or developmental biology and who are doing or did their PhD in one of the universities located in Belgium.
- Building on these excellent achievements, the candidate must propose a short plan or perspectives for further research and for acquiring novel insights and cutting-edge expertise. She/he will further have to indicate how the present or planned postdoctoral project in the chosen novel environment is supporting her/his overall career plans and further excellence. We expect outstanding candidates ready to explore new tracks and aiming to develop original research, going abroad being a plus (but not mandatory).
- Note that only those candidates will be eligible that are registered and paid-up BSCDB members in 2020. For becoming a member, see <http://www.bsddb.be>
- For applicants, the PhD degree should have been obtained after January 1, 2018 and defended in the calendar year 2018 or 2019, or the applicants have a PhD public defence date (fixed and certified) prior to July 31, 2020.

Selection

One 5,000 € grant for one person is available for the Award 2020. A Committee appointed by the Board of BSCDB will decide upon the laureate end of June 2020. It is composed of BSCDB Board members and at least 3 national or international experts in the field of cell and/or developmental biology who have been fully informed about the specific nature and aims of this award, the latter reviewers being the first ones to rank the applicants. The BSCDB preserves the right not to award the prize if the quality of the research is not considered outstanding.

How to apply?

Applications should arrive by e-mail as one single PDF file at the BSCDB secretariat, and this no later than March 1st, 2020. The application should contain:

- a brief curriculum vitae (max. 3 pages; A4) that includes a list of publications.
- a 3-page document (A4, Arial11, line spacing 1) with three equally important sections:
 - 1 page summarizing your PhD research, indicating also why it should be considered for the BSCDB PhD Excellence Award,
 - 1 page about your current or planned postdoctoral research, including also why these plans should be considered highly challenging and novel,
 - 1 page explaining why you have chosen this specific lab, including also why and how this new environment will help you to achieve your research goals.

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