

Department of Biology – University of Konstanz

Exciting science is at the heart of our Department. However, it is often a long and winding road until novel findings are finally published in recognized peer-reviewed journals. To honor new, innovative, and visibly published discoveries in Biological Sciences and Life Science by members of our faculty, the Department of Biology is announcing the:

Best Paper Award (BPA) 2022

Twice a year (each Semester), a 3-person jury consisting of members of the faculty will select a maximum of three accepted papers to be honored and rewarded with €200,-/each. The award ceremony will take place during the final Fachbereichsseminar of the Semester, when the award(s) will be handed over and the awardees will showcase their findings. Ultimately, this award is intended to recognize junior researchers and fellows of our graduate schools, which go the extra mile for publishing their experimental work in respected journals within their fields.

Papers to be considered for the BPA 2022 in the summer term should be submitted:

- **until June 15, 2022** (if accepted for publication between 01.06.2021 – 31.5.2022, and if it has not been submitted for BPA consideration in the preceding semester)

Please ask for a written confirmation, if you have not received a confirmation letter within two weeks after application!

Requirements for consideration of papers for the BPA 2022:

- 1) Accepted papers should report original research. Review articles, commentaries or letters to the editor will not be considered for this award.
- 2) Both, the first author and the corresponding author need to be members of the Department of Biology. Papers can also be considered, if the first author has been a member of the Department of Biology and has left the Department less than 2 years ago.
- 3) The award jury will select awardees according to the innovative nature, quality and implications of the reported findings.
- 4) The award money goes to the first author and can be used to purchase books or computer software/hardware etc.
- 5) On the occasion of the award ceremony, the awardee(s) are expected to provide short presentations with a concise summary of the background, the critical experiments, and the implications of their study (10 minutes). In addition, there will be extra time to detail the story behind the story by giving insight e.g. into failed approaches, helpful collaborations as well as the submission, maturation, and peer review history of the manuscript (10 minutes).
- 6) Submission should be in the form of a single pdf-file, including the final manuscript, supplemental information, and a copy of the acceptance letter, which should be send to fb-referent.bio@uni-konstanz.de