



Prize structure

1st Prize: EUR 15,000; 2nd Prize: EUR 10,000; 3rd Prize: EUR 5,000

One third of the prize money is awarded to the doctoral researcher, two-thirds are awarded to the host lab.

Eligibility & Nomination

HBIGS Doctoral Students:

- PhD defense in 2026 (defense in 2027 for 2028 award etc.)
- PhD duration (from starting date to defense date): max. 1700 days (4.6 years)
- At least one PhD-related 1st author publication, accepted or published in a peer-reviewed, high-level journal until 3 months after defense

Additional achievements might be taken into consideration.

HBIGS Principal Investigators (PI):

- PI acts as FGA or GGA and supervisor of award-winning doctoral candidate
- PI spent at least 70% of the time of the doctoral thesis as a member of the „HBIGS Active Faculty”
- PI is a member of an institute of Heidelberg University

Award candidates are nominated by the HBIGS Executive Board; no application required.

Evaluation & Award Presentation

The thesis supervisor and one TAC member of shortlisted candidates are asked to provide supporting letters.

The final decision is taken by the HBIGS Executive Board.

Winners are honoured during the HBIGS Annual Meeting.