Terms and Conditions

The SIB Bioinformatics Awards honour excellence in three categories:

1. SIB Early Career Bioinformatician Award

2. SIB Best Swiss Bioinformatics Graduate Paper Award

3. SIB Bioinformatics Resource Innovation Award

General Conditions

1. SIB Early Career Bioinformatician Award

1.1 Terms and Conditions

The award recognises the excellence and promise of a researcher's early career based on a project he/she has carried out, or a paper he/she has published in the field of bioinformatics or computational biology.

The award is open to any graduate student or young researcher whose PhD was completed during the six years preceding the closing date for applications, and who has carried out a research project in bioinformatics or computational biology (hereinafter "the Candidate").

1.2. Application requirements

Applications may be submitted by:

- The Candidate him/herself;
- Or any professor working in the field of bioinformatics or computational biology.

Applications must include the following components:

- Documentation supporting the application (two to five-page summary of the project(s) and accepted publication(s));
- For applications submitted by the Candidate: a letter of support from the project/PhD supervisor, Head of Department or equivalent;
- A CV including list of publications.

Applications can include the following optional component:

- PhD or Master thesis.

All application materials must be submitted in English. Documents must be submitted in PDF format only and the maximum size of the files is 20MB.

1.3. Selection Criteria

The jury will base its selection criteria solely on the scientific excellence of the Candidate.

1.4. Jury

An international jury of high-ranked experts will review the applications and designate the award laureate (hereinafter "the Laureate"). The jury is autonomous and can decide not to attribute the award. The jury's decisions are final and without appeal.

1.5. Award

The award carries a cash prize of CHF 10,000, an award certificate, and travel expenses for the Laureate to attend the award ceremony. The usage of the prize money is unconditional.

The Laureate will be announced during the award ceremony. The Laureate will be invited to give a plenary talk about his/her project during the ceremony and is therefore expected to attend it.

2. SIB Best Swiss Bioinformatics Graduate Paper Award

2.1. Terms and Conditions

The award recognises a paper in the field of bioinformatics and computational biology, which has been published or accepted for publication at the closing date for applications (hereinafter "the Paper"). The paper must be published by a scientist currently carrying out a PhD or who obtained his/her PhD degree during the two years preceding the closing date for applications (hereinafter "the Candidate"). The Candidate must have studied in Switzerland for at least six months during the PhD. In the event that the Candidate is not the first author of the Paper, his/her personal contributions should be detailed in the application.

2.2. Application requirements

Applications may be submitted by:

- A SIB Group Leader;
- A faculty member of the Swiss university association;
- Or the Candidate him/herself.

Applications must include the following components:

- The Paper;
- A letter of recommendation of the PhD supervisor, or the last or corresponding author of the Paper;
- A CV including the list of publications;
- For Candidates currently not working/studying in Switzerland: a proof that the Candidate studied in Switzerland for at least six months during his/her PhD.

All application materials must be submitted in English. Documents must be submitted in PDF format only and the maximum size of the files is 20MB.

2.3. Selection Criteria

The jury will base its selection criteria solely on the scientific excellence of the Paper.

2.4. Jury

A jury composed of high-ranked Swiss experts and past laureates will review the applications and designate the award laureate (hereinafter "the Laureate"). The jury is autonomous and can decide not to attribute the award. The jury's decisions are final and without appeal.

2.5. Award

The award carries a cash prize of CHF 5,000, an award certificate, and travel expenses for the Laureate to attend the award ceremony. The usage of the prize money is unconditional.

The Laureate will be announced during the award ceremony. The Laureate will be invited to give a plenary talk during the ceremony and is therefore expected to attend it.

3. SIB Bioinformatics Resource Innovation Award

3.1. Terms and Conditions

The award recognises a bioinformatics resource (database, infrastructure, code-base, analysis framework, visualization tool, etc.) that is breaking new conceptual and/or technical ground (hereinafter "the Resource"). The award is open worldwide to any new bioinformatics resource or any major new release of a resource that is available online and that was formally published for the first time during the five years preceding the closing date for applications.

3.2. Application requirements

Applications may be submitted by:

- A professor (user of the resource);
- The Principal Investigator of the resource;
- Or a team member of the resource.

Applications must include the following components:

- A publication on the resource;
- A two to five-page summary describing the resource and its scientific impact, with a short statement on how the resource will be maintained over the coming years;
- The name and contact details of the Principal Investigator of the resource.

All application materials must be submitted in English. Documents must be submitted in PDF format only and the maximum size is 20MB.

3.3. Selection Criteria

The resource should have an important impact on the life science community, or show clear potential to have such an impact.

3.4. Jury

An international jury of high-ranked experts will review the applications and designate the winning resource (hereinafter "the Laureate"). The jury is autonomous and can decide not to attribute the award. The jury's decisions are final and without appeal.

3.5. Award

The award carries a cash prize of CHF 10,000, an award certificate, and travel expenses for the team member to attend the award ceremony. The cash prize is given to the Principal Investigator but is to support the entire team involved in the bioinformatics resource, and should be used for the benefit of the resource and its further development.

The Laureate will be announced during the award ceremony. The Principal Investigator of the resource or one team member designated by the Principal Investigator will be invited to present the resource and its scientific background during the ceremony, and is therefore expected to attend it.

4. Exclusion Criteria

SIB will exclude applications that contradict the present General Conditions.

5. Timeline and Closing Date for Applications

5.1 Call for entries

- SIB Early Career Bioinformatician Award: 10 January 2019
- SIB Best Swiss Bioinformatics Graduate Paper Award: 10 January 2019
- SIB Bioinformatics Resource Innovation Award: 4 February 2019

5.2 Closing date for entries

- SIB Early Career Bioinformatician Award: 31 March 2019
- SIB Best Swiss Bioinformatics Graduate Paper Award: 31 March 2019
- SIB Bioinformatics Resource Innovation Award: 30 April 2019

5.3 Confidential announcement to the Laureate

- SIB Early Career Bioinformatician Award: 1 July 2019
- SIB Best Swiss Bioinformatics Graduate Paper Award: 1 July 2019

- SIB Bioinformatics Resource Innovation Award: 1 July 2019

<u>5.4 Awards presentation</u>

- 9-12 September 2019 during the 14th [BC][2] Basel Computational Biology Conference, which will take place in the context of the Basel Life Conference.

SIB reserves the right to shorten, extend, amend or cancel one (or more) SIB Bioinformatics Award(s) as the circumstances may require or in the event of a "force majeure".

6. Address

Applications have to be submitted online via the application-tool of the SIB website.

7. Data Protection

The Applicant accepts that his/her personal data may be retained by SIB and used for SIB's own communication or organizational purposes.

8. Governing Law

These General Conditions are interpreted in accordance with and governed by Swiss law.