

Call for applications for**László Zechmeister Prize – 2024**

In 2022, the Chemical Biology Work Group of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS) has established a prize for doctoral students and doctoral candidates conducting research in the frontiers of chemistry and biology. The László Zechmeister prize, which honors the eponym's career, is awarded in recognition of excellence, professionalism and communication skills of young researchers.

Eligibility criteria and further information for the 2024 László Zechmeister Award¹

- Applications are open to any doctoral student or doctoral candidate affiliated with a university in Hungary whose research topic fits the theme of the Work Group.
- Applications are evaluated by a scientific board in two steps. In the first round, applicants are invited to submit an abstract,² describing their research topic and the results thereof. Applications must be submitted by e-mail only and should be sent to bioorganikusmunkabizottsag@gmail.com by **October 31, 2024, 5 p.m.**
- Evaluation of the abstracts are based primarily on the quality of the research and the written communication skills of the applicant. The 15 best proposals will be shortlisted for the second round. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the evaluation by **6 November 2024**.³
- Shortlisted candidates are invited to present their results in a 10-minute presentation and answer questions raised by a panel of experts (max. 5 minutes). The jury will assess the presentations based on the scientific content (novelty and significance of the results), communication skills (presentation design, graphics, clarity) and professional preparedness (debating skills). **Novel aspects** of the call is that the applicants are expected to communicate their research through **public science talks** including **personal experiences, impressions** that affected their point of view in research or in everyday life.
- Shortlisted applicants will present their work at the **Zechmeister Lecture Day on November 15, 2024, at 10 a.m.** Venue: Small lecture hall, HUN-REN Research Centre for Natural Sciences (1117 Budapest, Magyar tudósok krt. 2).
- **Prizes:** The winner of the competition will receive **250.000 HUF**, while the second and the third runner up is awarded **200.000 HUF** and **150.000 HUF**, respectively.⁴

Members of the evaluation committee: György Miklós Keserű (chair), Csaba Szántay, Szilvia Bősze, Julianna Kardos and Katalin Monostory.

The event is sponsored by the Gedeon Richter Plc. and the Hungarian Chemical Society.

Péter Kele
Chair
HAS Chemical Biology Work Group

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¹ The organizers reserve the right to make changes to the event program

² No more than 3500 characters including title, affiliations, text and references (11 pt, single-spaced)

³ Shortlisted applicants who do not wish to participate in the second round will be replaced by the next highest ranked applicant

⁴ Gross amounts