

## Friedrich Miescher Award 2026

To commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the discovery of nucleic acids the Molecular and Cellular Biosciences section of Life Sciences Switzerland (formerly the Swiss Society for Molecular and Cellular Biosciences/Swiss Society for Biochemistry) has created the Friedrich Miescher Award. The prize is intended to honour **young biochemists** and is donated by the Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research (FMI) in Basel.

The following guidelines apply for nominations:

- 1. The Friedrich Miescher Award may be awarded once every year to a young scientist for outstanding achievements in biochemistry.
- 2. Candidates are eligible who have not yet reached the age of 40 years on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the award year.
  - For female candidates with children, the age limit is automatically extended by one year per child. For male candidates with children, the age limit can be extended by 6 weeks per child, or the actual time taken off as parental leave if this is longer than 6 weeks. The maximal extension for men is 6 months.
- 3. Preference will be given to candidates with a documented record of independent research.
- 4. The scientific work must have been carried out in Switzerland or by Swiss scientists abroad.
- 5. Health care professionals ("HCP") are not eligible for the award.

Applications or nominations, including a letter stating the relevance of the candidate's scientific work, his/her CV, list of publication and embedded links to the four most relevant publications should be submitted as a single PDF file by October 31, 2025 by e-mail to Prof. Dr. Monica Gotta [Monica.Gotta@unige.ch], at the Molecular & Cellular Biosciences section of LS<sup>2</sup>.