-- Call for Applications --

**2024 Jeffrey Hubbell and Melody Swartz Young Bioengineer Award**

The Institute of Bioengineering (IBI) is inviting applications from postdocs and advanced graduate students to compete for its tenth annual round of ‘Jeffrey Hubbell and Melody Swartz Young Bioengineer Award’ (initially known as ‘Future Leaders in Bioengineering Award’). The award recognizes exceptional young bioengineers showing potential to become part of a new generation of leaders of the discipline, fusing biology with engineering, physics, chemistry or mathematics.

Four finalists will be asked to present their work in 15-minute *Award Finalist Talk* format at this year’s [BioE2024 Symposium](https://bioe2024.epfl.ch/) (taking place August 29-30, 2024, at the Rolex Learning Center Forum on the EPFL’s main campus in Lausanne).

The winner, chosen taking into account the quality of her/his presentation, will be presented a certificate and a 1’000 CHF cash prize (runner-ups: 500 CHF). In addition, she/he will be publicly showcased on a dedicated IBI institute web page (<https://bioengineering.epfl.ch/HubbellSwartz_Award>).

Eligibility:

Postdoc or advanced graduate student, who is or has been member of any IBI-affiliated or associated laboratory since the previous call (issued July 6, 2023).

Selection criteria:

* Research excellence
* Creativity and originality
* Ability to communicate research to a broad community, as exemplified by the BioE2024 Symposium presentation on August 29, 2024.
* Future potential
* Cross-disciplinary and collaborative component.

Format of application:

* Filled in Application Form (see next page)
* *Up to* two recommendation letters, one of which from the supervising P.I.

Note: recommendations should be sent by the letter writer(s) directly and confidentially to IBI Manager D. Reinhard ([dietrich.reinhard@epfl.ch](mailto:dietrich.reinhard@epfl.ch)), within the official submission deadline.

* CV and list of publications (maximum 2 pages)
* Reprint of one (*not* several) original first-author (or co-first author) article, as published (or submitted)
* Extended abstract of proposed 15’ talk (max. 2 pages including figures).

Applications will be reviewed by a Jury composed of IBI faculty members.

Important note: candidate entries will be evaluated taking into account the applicant’s actual career stage, meaning in particular that doctoral students, in spite of competing against more advanced contestants (postdocs), are guaranteed a fair chance and should therefore not hesitate to submit.

Submissions from eligible candidates (see above) should be sent in single file pdf format to Institute Manager Dietrich Reinhard ([dietrich.reinhard@epfl.ch](mailto:dietrich.reinhard@epfl.ch)), no later than \***Thursday, July 25, 2024 (midnight, CET)**\*.

Application Form

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| Applicant name: |  | |
| Status: | Graduate student | Postdoc |
| IBI-affiliated or associated host lab: |  | |
| Name of main supervising faculty: |  | |
| Name of additional faculty supporter  (if applicable): |  | |
| Title of proposed talk: |  | |