

## BBA Rising Stars in Biochemistry and Biophysics Special Issue and Prize Terms & Conditions

### OFFICIAL RULES

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE DOES NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED BY LAW.

**CONTEST DESCRIPTION:** The BBA Rising Stars in Biochemistry and Biophysics (the “Contest”) is a contest where participants are asked to nominate early career researchers (within 10 years since completion of a PhD) in the general fields of biochemistry and biophysics (each such individual a “Nominee”).

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**ELIGIBILITY:** The Contest is open to nominate individuals worldwide (excluding residents of Brazil, Quebec Canada, Cuba, Iran, Italy, North Korea, Sudan and Syria) who have (i) attained the age of majority in his/her state/provinces of residence as of the date of entry into the Contest; (ii) are within 10 (ten) years since completion of a PhD (unless there has been a career break in that period, such as caring for a relative, moving to industry, etc.) in the fields of biochemistry, biophysics, molecular biology, cell biology, genomics, bioinformatics, metabolomics, proteomics, systems biology, and clinical studies; and (iii) demonstrated to be exceptional researchers with the capability to become future leaders in one of the above-mentioned fields (each such individual a “Nominee”). Employees and their immediate families (including, spouses and parents, in-laws, siblings and children regardless of where they reside)) and members of the same household of such employees, (whether or not related), of Sponsor, its parent, divisions, affiliates, dealers, subsidiaries and advertising and promotion agencies are not eligible to enter. Government officials are also not eligible to enter. Nominees may be subject to rules imposed by their institution or employer relative to their participation in trade promotions and should check with their institution or employer for any relevant policies. Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and/or local laws and regulations. Contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law.

**CONTEST PERIOD:** The Contest begins at 12:01:01 AM GMT on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 and ends at 11:59:59 PM GMT on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (“Contest Period”). Other important times during the Contest Period include:

- Nominations must be received by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 11:59:59 PM GMT;

- Invited Nominees must submit their mini-review contribution (required 'Materials') by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 11:59:59PM GMT; and

Sponsor's server shall serve as the official clock for the Contest.

HOW TO ENTER: Individuals may visit <https://www.elsevier.com/life-sciences/biochemistry-genetics-and-molecular-biology/journals/bba/rising-stars> (the "Website") during the Contest Period and a) agree to the Official Rules; b) complete the official nomination form; c) provide the following materials:

- A document that includes a short overview/curriculum vitae of the Nominee showing his/her relevant accomplishments, including:
  - Relevant publications and other evidence of independent research;
  - Year PhD was obtained;
  - Link to professional profile and Scopus Author ID, or other ID that lists publications;
  - Name of nominee; and
  - A short textual overview from the Nominee of no more than 300 (three hundred) words illustrating why this person qualifies for the prize

("Contest Entry") and d) once nominated and invited to be considered further for the prize, the Nominee must submit a short mini-review paper of their work for consideration in the BBA branded-journal they have been nominated for. ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59:59 PM GMT on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 TO BE ELIGIBLE AND ALL INVITED NOMINEES MUST SUBMIT THEIR MATERIALS BY 11:59:59 PM GMT on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. Self-nominations are welcome. Limit of one (1) Contest Entry per Nominee or email address for the Contest Period. In the event more than one (1) Contest Entry is received from any one person or email address on behalf of the same Nominee, the first Contest Entry processed will be considered the only valid Contest Entry received for such Nominee.

JUDGING CRITERIA: The Executive Editors and Scientific Editors of the BBA Journals (collectively the "Panel") will review all Contest Entries submitted during the Contest Period and will select top Nominees by applying the following judging criteria to each Contest Entry:

- The degree of scientific innovation outlined in the review;

- The potential impact of the research; and
- The overall presentation in the mini-review.

Decisions of the Panel will be final and binding in all respects. This is a contest of skill where a Nominee's odds of winning depend on how well their Entry compares with others submitted to the Contest pursuant to the judging criteria. The Sponsor, as determined through sole discretion of its Panel, reserves the right to not select a winner(s) if it determines that the Contest Entries do not meet, or may not meet, these judging criteria.

**SELECTION OF WINNER:** Ten (10) winners will be chosen by the Panel from all eligible Nominees on or about 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024. The potential winners will need to complete and return, in his/her official capacity, an Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability Release and, unless prohibited by law, a Publicity Release ("Affidavit") within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the notice from the Sponsor. Failure to timely execute and return the required documents or the return of any notification as undeliverable may cause the prize award to be forfeited, at Sponsor's sole discretion, and another winner will be selected. Odds of selection depend upon the number of qualified Contest Entries received.

**PRIZES:** Ten (10) winners will receive a cash grant of \$500 (USD).

**GENERAL PRIZE RESTRICTIONS:** Prizes will be awarded to the Nominees listed in the winning Entries. The entrants who submitted the Nominees do not win any prize. Prizes may not be transferred nor assigned. All expenses and costs related to acceptance and use of any prize not expressly listed above are entirely each respective winner's responsibility. No cash or other substitution may be made, except by the Sponsor, who reserves the right to substitute the prize in whole or in part with another prize of comparable or greater value if the intended prizes are not available for any reason as determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion. Winners will be responsible for all applicable taxes (not limited to federal, state local and/or income) and will be required to provide his/her Social Security number or tax ID for tax reporting purposes as Sponsor will file an IRS Form 1099 with the Internal Revenue Service for the fair market value of each prize. In the event that any potential winner is disqualified for any reason, that prize will be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner. Sponsor shall not be responsible for any cancellation, delay, diversion, or any act or omission whatsoever by the mail carrier or any other person providing any of these services.

**AGREEMENT TO THE OFFICIAL RULES:** By participating in the Contest, each entrant fully and unconditionally agrees to and accepts these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor which are final and binding on entrants and Nominees in all matters related to the Contest. For the Contest Entry to

be determined as a potential winner, the Nominee must provide written consent to accept the nomination and fully and unconditionally agree to and abide by the Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor and if chosen at random to be a winner, of the Contest. Failure to provide written consent within five (5) days of receipt of notification may result in disqualification of the Contest Entry for such Nominee. Except where prohibited by law, acceptance of prize constitutes permission for Sponsor to use the winner's names, hometown, likeness, statements (where applicable) and other identifiable information for promotional, advertising and marketing purposes in any media throughout the world without additional prize, incentive, consideration, consent or review; and upon request, winners will provide written consent to such use.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS / RELEASE:** By participating, entrants and Nominees (a) release Sponsor, their respective directors, officers, agents and employees from any and all liability for any claims, costs, injuries, losses or damages of any kind caused by their participation, including the unauthorized or illegal access to personally identifiable or sensitive information or the acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of the prize; and (b) acknowledge that said parties have neither made nor are in any manner responsible or liable for any representation or guarantee, expressed or implied, in fact or in law, relative to a prize including, but not limited to the prize quality or availability. Neither Sponsor nor any service providers are responsible for incorrect or inaccurate transcription of Contest Entry information, or for any human or other error, technical malfunctions, lost/delayed data or voice transmission, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, line failures of any telephone network, computer equipment, software, inability to access any online service or Website or to complete a telephone call or facsimile transaction, or any other error or malfunction, or any injury or damage to participant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participation in this Contest. Any Contest Entry will be void if altered, deleted, destroyed, forged, fraudulent, improperly accessed, inaccurate, incomplete, interrupted, late, non-deliverable, tampered with, unauthorized or unintelligible. Sponsor's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. If for any reason the Contest is not capable of being executed as planned, or infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, action of entrants, technical failures or any other causes which in the opinion of the Sponsor, corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Contest, Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any suspect Contest Entry or entrant and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest. In the event of any cancellation, termination or suspension, notice thereof will be posted on the Website and the determination of the Contest winners will be made per the specifics described in the SELECTION OF WINNER DETERMINATION section from among all eligible, non-suspect Contest Entries received as of the date of the termination, cancellation or suspension, as Sponsor determines in its sole discretion provided that in such circumstances Sponsor reserves the right not to name any winners. Entries not complying with all rules are subject to disqualification.

RIGHT TO USE WINNING ENTRIES: Winners' full names, institutions, and city and state/province/country of residence, with their photograph, may be featured at <https://www.elsevier.com/life-sciences/biochemistry-genetics-and-molecular-biology/journals/bba>. By accepting the prize, each winner acknowledges compliance with these Official Rules and agrees to permit Sponsor to use their name, hometown and institutional affiliation. Rights granted by winners are for advertising, publicity and promotional purposes are in perpetuity and in any medium Sponsor sees fit, including, but not limited to, website, television, radio, or printed materials.

CONSENT TO USE PERSONAL INFORMATION: None of the entries submitted by participants will be treated as confidential. As such, entrants should not submit proprietary information. Entrants further agree that personally identifiable information may be processed, stored, and otherwise used for the purposes of the Contest, including, but not limited to, checking participant's identity, email address, and institutional affiliation, or to otherwise verify eligibility to participate. The personal data submitted through Sponsor's platform is subject to its privacy policy at <http://www.relx.com/site-services/privacy>.

WINNERS: To receive Contest results (including the winners list), go to <https://www.elsevier.com/life-sciences/biochemistry-genetics-and-molecular-biology/journals/bba> or email [j.dangelo@elsevier.com](mailto:j.dangelo@elsevier.com) through 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026.