

## Criteria for paper award and lab rotation scholarships

- *Best paper of the season – best 3 papers in Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter will be awarded with 100€*
  - applicant must be a GfV member
  - applicant is (shared) first author on an original manuscript (*no reviews*)
  - for shared co-first authors only: please provide a letter of agreement from the other first author(s)
  - paper was accepted less than 6 months\* before the application deadline  
*\* open for adjustment*
  - paper has not been used in a previous application
  - if not stated in the publication, the contribution should be listed and confirmed by the last author
  - **Limit for application:** max. 3 years after finishing PhD or 5 years after approbation (up to extra 18 months per child of taken parental leave are allowed) at the application deadline
  - required is an active application with coverletter and 1 publication; if applicable: include a copy of PhD certificate/approbation certificate and/or a proof of parental leave times; all as one merged PDF to [jGfV@G-f-V.org](mailto:jGfV@G-f-V.org)
  - accepted applicants must agree that their award will be announced in the jGfV newsletter and possibly also on the (j)GfV homepage/twitter and during the next annual meeting
  - the jGfV board will decide based on the experience and the contributions of the applicant as well as the quality of the publication
  - deadlines: **1.3. / 1.6. / 1.9. / 1.12.**
  
- *Lab rotation scholarships – up to 6 national or 3 international scholarships will be awarded per selection round with 500€ / 1000€*
  - lab rotation should serve for the development of skills in the field of virology (and associated disciplines) and expose the applicant to different scientific environments; minimum duration 2 weeks
  - applicant must be a GfV member
  - applicants must be at least Master students or after the “Physikum”
  - **Limit for application:** max. 3 years after finishing PhD or 5 years after approbation (up to extra 18 months per child of taken parental leave are counted) at the application deadline
  - required is an active application all as one PDF file to [jGfV@G-f-V.org](mailto:jGfV@G-f-V.org) including
    - 1) motivation letter (outlining the expected merit of the lab rotation for the applicant) & CV, if applicable: include a copy of PhD certificate/approbation certificate and/or a proof of parental leave times
    - 2) expected time - the lab rotation is expected to take place in the near future
    - 3) letter of support from PI clearly stating that/explaining why there are no other possibilities for funding the lab rotation (especially graduate school programs open to the applicant), and stating that no other applications (e.g. DAAD, BiF, FEMS) are currently ongoing - if this is not clearly stated, applications can be returned one time to the applicant to update the letter of support
    - 4) letter of acceptance from receiving host institute
  - the jGfV board will decide based on 1) clear explanation that other funds are not available as judged by the letter of support from PI; 2) the expected merit of the lab rotation for the applicant as judged based on the motivation letter; 3) and scientific excellence of the applicant as judged based on the CV and the letter of support

- if board members are members or heads of the labs participating in the rotation or other conflicts of interest exist (particularly if the applicant used to work/works closely with them), they reclude themselves from the discussion and decision
- accepted applicants must agree that their lab rotation scholarship will be announced in the jGfV newsletter and possibly also on the (j)GfV homepage/twitter, and must provide a portrait photo for that purpose
- after the lab rotation a brief summary (~0.5 - 1 pages) of their lab rotation (co-signed by the responsible supervisor hosting the scholarship holder) has to be submitted, and the applicant has to agree that it might be published in the jGfV newsletter
- rejected applications cannot be resubmitted, unless they were rejected solely because the letter of support did not provide a clear statement/explanation regarding other funding possibilities
- applicants can only be accepted for scholarship once per lifetime
- deadlines: **15.4. / 15.10.**