

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 publication (*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*
 - publication has not been used in a previous jGfV award 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 documents: active application with cover letter and 1 publication; if applicable: copy of PhD certificate/approbation certificate and/or a proof of parental leave times; submit all documents as a single pdf file to jGfV@G-f-V.org
 - accepted applicants must agree that their award will be announced in the jGfV newsletter and also on the (j)GfV homepage / Twitter (X) and during the next annual meeting
 - the jGfV board will select the awardees 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€ and 1000€, respectively*
 - lab rotation should be aimed at developing skills in the field of virology (and related 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 at the application deadline (up to 18 additional months per child and parental leave are taken into account)
 - required documents:
 - 1) motivation letter (outlining the expected merit of the lab rotation for the applicant) & CV, if applicable: copy of PhD certificate/approbation certificate and/or proof of parental leave times
 - 2) expected time - the awardee of the lab rotation scholarship is expected to start the lab rotation within 6 months post granting. Expected delays need to be communicated to the jGfV in a timely manner, but as early as possible. The jGfV reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if the scholarship has not been started within 6 months.
 - 3) letter of support from PI including a clear statement/explanation regarding other funding possibilities
 - 4) letter of acceptance from receiving host institute
 - 5) if the expected costs of an international lab rotation exceed the jGfV lab rotation fellowship and additional funding is requested from other funding agencies (e.g. DAAD; BiF; FEMS), it should be clearly and transparently communicated which

costs would be covered by which funding option. In case external funding will be awarded for this lab rotation retrospectively, the jGfV needs to be immediately informed of these changes. The jGfV reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if the external/additional funding exceeds and/or covers the whole anticipated costs.

- ➔ submit all documents as a single pdf file to jGfV@G-f-V.org
- the jGfV board will decide based on 1) the expected merit of the lab rotation for the applicant as judged based on the motivation letter; 2) scientific excellence of the applicant as judged based on the CV and the letter of support; and 3) a clear description whether other funding options will be or have been considered
- if jGfV board members are members or heads of the labs participating in the lab 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 (X), 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 will be published in the jGfV newsletter
- rejected applications cannot be resubmitted
- applicants can only be accepted for scholarship once per lifetime
- deadlines: **15.4. / 15.10.**