

IMMUNIS SPONSORSHIP FOR YOUNG SCIENCE 2024

About the initiator

SZABO-SCANDIC is a service partner for life science and research in Austria. As a distributor of medical products, the company supplies laboratories, university institutes, hospitals and industry with laboratory supplies, cell culture and consumable materials, antibodies, diagnostic kits, rapid tests and laboratory equipment. SZABO-SCANDIC supports Austria as a research location and wants to inspire young people for science. Every year, at universities, new, promising approaches are discovered that could help to increase the understanding of diseases and their treatment. The **Immunis Sponsorship** is intended to support young researchers in this important scientific work.

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The **Immunis Sponsorship for Young Science** is awarded by SZABO-SCANDIC in cooperation with the Next Generation Immunologists, NGI, the young scientists' association of the Austrian Society for Allergology and Immunology, ÖGAI. Current developments underline the need for cooperative immunological research with knowledge transfer to an active, young scientific generation. The aims of the NGI are therefore to promote careers and represent the interests of young scientists in the field of allergy and immunology. The NGI supports national and international networking of young scientists in both basic and applied research. With the **Immunis Sponsorship for Young Science**, the NGI, together with SZABO-SCANDIC, would like to support PhD students in their first steps in research and inspire them for research in the field of immunology.

About the Sponsorship

The **Immunis Sponsorship for Young Science** is aimed at young researchers in the fields of human and veterinary medicine as well as biology and biotechnology who have a research interest in immunology. SZABO-SCANDIC awards the young researchers, nominated by the NGI and its independent expert jury with the **Immunis Sponsorship for Young Science**. The prize consists of non-cash benefits (cell culture and consumable materials, antibodies and diagnostic kits) worth 5,000 euros as well as a cash amount of 1,500 euros (1,000 at the start and 500 after completion of the work). For the recognition prize, 1,000 euros in prize money are earmarked.

Requirements for applying for the Immunis Sponsorship

- Doctor or PhD studies in life science studies, e.g. human and veterinary medicine, biology, bioinformatics, biotechnology, biochemistry or similar subjects
- Research topic in the field of immunology, allergology or vaccinology
- Thesis or dissertation supervised by an Austrian university (already ongoing)
- Thesis or dissertation may have been started a maximum of two years ago, but not yet completed (qualifying date June 30, 2022)
- The duration of the project is set at a maximum of 48 months

Submission by June 30, 2024

Please provide the following documents for submission:

Meaningful project title of the thesis

Short description of the research project / abstract (max. two A4 pages)

Letter of motivation with short curriculum vitae

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Project title:	<i>Project title (max. 120 characters)</i>	
Project short title:	<i>Acronym (max. 20 characters)</i>	
Name of author:	<i>First and last name</i>	
Supervising university:	<i>Name of university (or institute)</i> <i>Name of the supervisor</i>	
Duration of the project:	<i>Duration from when planned</i>	<i>Duration in months</i>
RESEARCH PROJECT: <i>Research objective and research questions</i> <i>Theory proposed</i> <i>Method(s)</i> <i>Schedule</i>		

The jury and evaluation criteria

The NGI provides the expert jury, consisting of physicians and scientists. The jury will judge the submitted papers according to the following criteria:

- Degree of innovation and originality of the work?
- Are the methods "state of the art"?
- How good is the feasibility? How likely is it that the chosen methods will answer the research question?
- What is the overall impression of the work?

The Sponsorship

The winners will be honoured at an award ceremony and the projects will be communicated to the media. The winners agree to the publication of their projects (abstracts). The funding of the winning project is linked to the progress of the project, the winners are obliged to document the progress of the project and report once a year as well as at the end of the project. The material prizes worth 5,000 euros can be ordered from SZABO-SCANDIC within two years. The cash prize of 1,500 Euro will be paid out in two parts: 1,000 euros will be paid out at the start of the project, the rest upon completion. The duration of the research project is set at 48 months (4 years). For the recognition prize, 1,000 euros in prize money are earmarked.

Opportunities for the young researchers

On the one hand, the **Immunis Sponsorship for Young Science** facilitates scientific practice by providing necessary materials and money. On the other hand, the **Immunis Sponsorship for Young Science** provides a publicity for the research projects as well as the researchers. All winning projects are presented at an award ceremony and communicated to the media.

Procedure and guidelines

Projects can be submitted via an online formular or via e-mail to immunis@szabo-scandic.com. Here, we have designed a template for the submission.