3rd BEB/Bluepharma Award Terms and Conditions

Background

This award is contextualized within the BEBday 2019, co-organized by the 16th Edition Students of the Doctoral Program of Experimental Biology and Biomedicine (PDBEB) of the University of Coimbra, at the Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC) of the University of Coimbra.

Purpose

This award aims to stimulate young students to share their work. The award winner will receive financial support to attend and present his/her research work at a European forum for scientific exchange.

Award Amount

Up to 500€ for registration and help with travel expenses to attend and present research work at a conference of choice by the year of 2020.

This fee will be kindly supported by Bluepharma - Indústria Farmacêutica S.A.

Conditions and criteria

a) Eligibility

1. The applicant cannot hold a PhD degree by the time of submission (November 15th, 2019). Master's students, applicants holding an MSc or PhD students are eligible to this award.

2. The applicant must successfully submit an application that fulfil the BEB/Bluepharma Award guidelines;

3. The application will only be considered after confirmation of registration to the BEBday 2019.

4. All the corresponding authors involved in the submitted work must be aware that an application was submitted to this award.

5. By submitting his/her application, the applicant agrees with all the terms and conditions in this document.

b) Applications evaluation

1. Abstracts will be evaluated by a broad jury panel chosen by the event organizing committee, composed of principal investigators and post-doctoral researchers from the consortium CNC.IBILI of the University of Coimbra.

2. All applications will be evaluated and scored as follow:

a. Work/scientific relevance of the work;

b. Clear message and writing;

c. Creativity;

d. Motivation of the applicant;

e. Overall assessment.

3. Each of the previous criteria (2a to 2e) will be scored from 0 to 5 points, up to a final score of 25 points for each application by each evaluator.

4. All scores from all evaluators to each application will be added, and then all applications will be sorted according to their total scores. **The best abstracts will be selected for poster presentation at BEBday2019.**

5. In case of a draw, applications will be re-evaluated with the same criteria (item 5) by an external panel to the University of Coimbra.

6. **The award will be attributed to the best poster presented during the BEBday2019.** The final decision will be based on the average of votes from the audience and from the previous mentioned jury.

7. The award winner will be announced at the BEBday 2019 on December 10th 2019.

c) Granting of awards

1. The award will only be granted if the winner work is selected for presentation (oral or poster) to the chosen conference.

2. If selected, the presentation must acknowledge the “3rd BEB/Bluepharma Award” and “Bluepharma - Indústria Farmacêutica S.A”, in a slide at the end of the oral presentation or in the poster.

3. The winner will only be reimbursed after the delivery of a copy of the presentation and a photo next to the poster in the congress or at the final slide of the oral presentation, at the chosen conference. The required information must be delivered to the BEBday 2019 organizing committee.

4. After all requirements are fulfilled, the award amount will be made available to the winner.

3rd BEB/Bluepharma Award Guidelines

The application should include:

- Title
- Graphical abstract
- Summary
- Motivation letter

The **Title** should capture the conceptual significance for a broad audience. As a general guideline, the most effective titles are no more than 10–12 words and should readily give readers an overall view of the paper's relevance rather than the detailed contents of the paper, which can be elaborated upon in the Summary (Font: Arial, 12).

The **graphical abstract** should allow readers to quickly gain an understanding of the main take-home message and help identifying the most relevant questions addressed in the work. It should be composed by a single panel and an "In Brief" and "Highlights" section. You can find an example in the end of this document.

Technical requirements for the panel are as follows:

- Size: 5.5 inches square at 300 dpi.
- Font: Arial, 12–16 points. Smaller fonts will not be legible online.
- Content: the abstract should consist of one single panel.

The "In Brief" is a short summary of the main take-home message and should describe the context and significance of the findings for the broader readership. Specifications: This blurb should be 80 words or fewer (Font: Arial, 12).
The "Highlights" are a short collection of bullet points that convey the core findings of the work. Specifications: up to four bullet points can be included; the length of an individual bullet point should not exceed 85 characters (including spaces); only the core results should be covered.

The **Summary** consists of a single paragraph of fewer than 300 words (Font: Arial, 12). We recommend that effective abstracts include the following elements: (1) a brief background of the question; (2) a description of the approaches/model systems used and of the obtained results; and (3) an indication of the broader significance of the work.

The motivation letter should answer the question "What motivates me?" For this, we challenge you to write about your background and what motivates, excites and seeds your

curiosity in science and scientific research. With no more than 150 words (Font: Arial, 12), you should get your evaluator engaged and reflect your potential as a prospective researcher.

Graphical abstract example: