

Bial AWARD



IN BIOMEDICINE 2025



REGULATION

PATRONAGE

The President of the Portuguese Republic
Council of Rectors of Portuguese Universities (CRUP)
European Medical Association

JURY

President: Ralph Adolphs

Members: European Research Council

Sarah Bray
Nektarios Tavernarakis

Council of Rectors of Portuguese Universities

Helena Canhão *
Fátima Carneiro

European Medical Association

Simon Taylor-Robinson
Guglielmo Trovato

Scientific Board of the BIAL Foundation

Hugo Critchley
Menno Witter

Previous winners of the BIAL Award

Daniel Pipeleers
Peter St. George-Hyslop

Scientific Journals

Kamran Abbasi - BMJ
Eric Rubin - NEJM

* Prof. Helena Canhão is no longer a member of the Jury, as she was appointed Secretary of State for Science and Innovation of Portugal on 2025.06.06.

Article 1 - BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025

The BIAL Foundation announces the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025 under the terms and conditions established herein.

Article 2 - SCOPE OF THE AWARD

1. The BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025 seeks to recognize a work published in the broad biomedical field after 1 January 2016, the results of which are considered of exceptional quality and scientific relevance.
2. The BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025 consists of a € 350,000.00 (three hundred and fifty thousand euro) monetary prize and a certificate.
3. Unless otherwise requested in writing by the author(s), the winning work may be published on the BIAL Foundation website.

Article 3 - NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Only works nominated by the voting members of the Jury, by the members of the Scientific Board of the BIAL Foundation, by previous BIAL Foundation award winners or by Scientific Societies may be considered candidates for the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025. In addition, the Jury may also invite other scientific institutions to submit nominations. For clarity, works nominated in previous editions of the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE but not yet awarded may be submitted for nomination for the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025, by the same nominator, by the members of the Jury or by other eligible nominators.
2. Work(s) whose author(s) or co-author(s) are employees of the BIAL Foundation or of any company of the BIAL Group are not eligible for consideration as candidates for the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025. Self-nominations are also not allowed.
3. Submissions for nominations must be written in English and must be made electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. (GMT) of 30 June of 2025 by filling in the nomination form available at www.bialfoundation.com (no other form will be accepted). All fields of the nomination form must be completed, including, without limitation, the following information and materials:
 - a) Nominator's name(s) and contact details;
 - b) A full copy of the work (in file up to a maximum of 35 MB);
 - c) A description of the work that facilitates its analysis in the context of this award, including:
 - (i) the work's main contributions (maximum 500 words); and
 - (ii) the work's measurable impact (maximum 500 words); and
 - d) The name of each author or authors of the work, his/her/their institutional affiliation(s) and, if available, telephone and e-mail contacts.
4. The BIAL Foundation is not responsible for the possible loss or non-receipt of nominations resulting, in particular, from possible service interruptions or network failures or breach of security in the nominators' e-mails, and/or failures, technical problems, errors and delays in communications that prevent the timely and complete submission of nominations.

Article 4 - RECEPTION AND TREATMENT OF NOMINATIONS

1. Within 15 days from the date of receipt of the nomination forms available at www.bialfoundation.com, BIAL Foundation will send an e-mail to the respective nominators, acknowledging receipt of the respective submission, which will be subject to subsequent consideration by the Jury under the terms of this Regulation. Afterwards BIAL Foundation will send to the members of the Jury the submission forms received pursuant to article 3 above.

2. The nomination forms will be kept on file until the results of the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025 are announced and afterwards disposed of by the BIAL Foundation and the Jury, except for the nomination form of the awarded work, which will be kept by BIAL Foundation unless otherwise agreed with the author(s) of the awarded work.
3. The Jury is ultimately responsible for assessing and deciding whether work(s) comply or not with the terms and conditions set forth in this Regulation.
4. The BIAL Foundation does not accept any obligations or liabilities arising out of nominator's and/or author(s)'s failure to fulfil all terms and conditions expressed or implied in this Regulation. The BIAL Foundation may not be held liable for any act or omission of the Jury or any of its members.
5. The winner(s) of the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025 is/are solely responsible for the winning work, including its contents and compliance with all applicable laws (including, without limitation, intellectual property laws), regulations and codes.
6. The BIAL Foundation and the members of the Jury shall maintain strict confidentiality with respect to the work(s) nominated for the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025.
7. The BIAL Foundation may collect, process, and/or utilize personal data submitted in the work(s) for the purposes as outlined in this Regulation. This includes verifying the identity of the author(s), administering the award, and contacting the author(s) for the organization and execution of the award-related activities, all in compliance with applicable EU and national data protection laws. Author(s) may exercise their right to access, obtain, correct, and object to the use of personal data by writing to privacy@bialfoundation.com.
For further details on personal data processing by the BIAL Foundation, please consult www.bialfoundation.com/com/privacy-policy/.

Article 5 - JURY COMPOSITION

1. The Jury is independent and impartial and is subject to the confidentiality obligations set forth in this Regulation.
2. The Jury of the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025 is composed of fourteen members. One of the members will be appointed by the BIAL Foundation and act as the President of the Jury. The other members of the Jury to be appointed include two members chosen by the European Research Council, two by the Council of Rectors of Portuguese Universities, two by the European Medical Association, and two by prominent international journals. The BIAL Foundation will choose two additional members from among the members of the Scientific Board of the BIAL Foundation and two other members from among previous winners of the BIAL Award. A fourteenth member will be appointed by the BIAL Foundation and act as Secretary to the Jury.

Article 6 - JURY DECISIONS

1. The Jury has the power to decide by simple majority the winning work of the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025. In the event of a tie, the President retains the casting vote. The Secretary of the Jury does not hold voting rights.
2. Should the Jury believe it lacks the necessary expertise to judge the merit of one or more works nominated for the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025, one or more experts may be consulted at the request of a simple majority of Jury members. The Jury shall appoint one (or more) of its members to contact any such expert(s).

3. The Jury is solely responsible for establishing its working method and decisions, although it must comply with the terms and conditions of this Regulation.
4. All decisions taken by the Jury within the scope of the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025 and under this Regulation are final and binding and, therefore, cannot be appealed.
5. The BIAL Foundation reserves the right not to attribute the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025 in the event the Jury considers that none of the nominations submitted meet the necessary level of quality and scientific relevance required under this Regulation.

Article 7 - EVALUATION AND AWARD ATTRIBUTION PROCESS

1. The Jury shall inform the BIAL Foundation of the results of its resolutions to which article 6 above refers to by 31 of December 2025.
2. After receiving the decision mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article, BIAL Foundation will contact the author, in order to inform him/her that the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025 has been awarded to the work concerned.
3. In the event that the awarded work has more than one author, BIAL Foundation will contact the corresponding author (or equivalent designation) or the first author indicated in the nomination form if no corresponding author has been identified.
4. All the author(s) of the awarded work shall confirm, in writing, the acceptance or rejection of the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025 and of this Regulation, within the period and other relevant terms set forth by BIAL Foundation.
5. Without prejudice to the paragraph 4. of this article, should the winning work have more than one author, the corresponding monetary prize shall be equally divided between all co-authors identified in the awarded work, unless otherwise agreed in writing by all co-authors, in which case the corresponding (or equivalent designation)/first author of the awarded work must inform the BIAL Foundation in writing of the criteria agreed by all co-authors within the deadline stipulated by BIAL Foundation.
6. The attribution and payment of the monetary prize for the awarded winner(s) are subject to Portuguese tax laws.

Article 8 - AWARD-GIVING CEREMONY

An Official Award-Giving Ceremony in which the results will be publicly announced will be held during the first quarter of 2026, barring exceptional circumstances. Members of the Jury and author(s) of winning work shall not disclose the results of the BIAL AWARD IN BIOMEDICINE 2025 until it is officially announced in the Award ceremony.

Article 9 - FINAL PROVISIONS

1. Any matter not specifically set forth in this Regulation or any question which may arise in connection with this Regulation, shall be resolved by the Jury.
2. This Regulation shall be governed by the Portuguese law.
3. Any disputes arising from this Regulation, namely regarding the interpretation or application of this Regulation, shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of Porto Courts, Portugal.

Portugal, Coronado (S. Romão e S. Mamede), 2024

COM O ALTO PATROCÍNIO
DE SUA EXCELENCIA
UNDER THE HIGH PATRONAGE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC



O Presidente da República



European Medical Association

