

Call for Applications: LIFE Talent Award

The research area LIFE of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena is awarding the LIFE Talent Award for outstanding achievements in the life sciences. This award recognizes innovation, scientific excellence, and societal relevance, while considering different career stages.

Target Group: Early-career researchers in the LIFE sciences at the University of Jena or local research institutions including Jena University Hospital.

Award Amount: €5,000 per category

Categories: The awards will be presented in various categories to account for different phases, including

1. Doctoral work
2. Postdoctoral work
3. Independent work (habilitation candidates & junior faculty, non-tenured).

Up to four prizes will be awarded across these categories.

Application Criteria:

1. Innovation and originality of the research in LIFE.
2. Scientific excellence and impactful publication in LIFE.
3. Potential for collaboration in LIFE.

Application Documents: Cover letter addressing the Application criteria (max. 2 pages), CV including a list of publications, and a letter of recommendation (Doctoral candidates & postdocs).

Application Deadline: Submit by **January 31, 2025**, [upload link](https://cloud.uni-jena.de/s/jPjLxRRd8G9PKA5).
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Selection Process: The LIFE committee will make the decision by early 2025. The award ceremony will likely take place during the next LIFE Symposium.

Outreach Participation: Selected awardees will contribute to LIFE Outreach formats (e.g., Social Media posts, website features, interviews, LIFE Symposium etc.).

Application form for LIFE Talent Award

a. General Information			
<i>Application to made by a member of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena or local research institutions including Jena University Hospital.</i>			
Applicant´s Name			
Title/ Position			
Name, Institution, Address			
Category	1 Doctoral	2 Postdoctoral	3 Independent (habilitation candidates & junior faculty, non-tenured)
Email Address			

b. Application Criteria Information
<i>Please provide short answers to the following questions in an attached pdf file, not to exceed two pages.</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does your research advance LIFE? (i.e. through your ideas or methods) 2. How does your research demonstrate innovation and originality in the context of LIFE? 3. What evidence supports the scientific excellence of your work (e.g., impactful publications, research quality)? 4. Does your research foster collaboration across disciplines or research areas within LIFE?

Date

Signature of the Applicant
