



YPIC Student Proteomics Fund Guidelines

Introduction

The Young Proteomics Investigators Club (YPIC) is thrilled to announce a competition designed to ignite creativity and innovation in young researchers. We are searching for BSc., MSc., and PhD students from EuPA countries to design a compelling small-scale proteomics experiment. Three finalists will be invited to the YPIC Retreat and will be able to defend their proposals at the Annual Proteomics Gathering. Don't miss this chance to showcase your talent and gain recognition among leading proteomics professionals!

Goals and Objectives

- Encourage young researchers to explore novel research questions using proteomics techniques.
- Identify and showcase promising talent in the field of proteomics.
- Provide an opportunity for young researchers to present their work and gain valuable feedback from established proteomics professionals.

Deliverables

Three finalists selected by YPIC members will be invited to:

- Join the annual YPIC Retreat (19th – 21st March 2025, Athens, Greece).
- Present their proposed small-scale proteomics experiment during the YPIC Annual Proteomics Gathering (20th March 2025, Athens, Greece).

The winner of the competition will have the chance to fulfill a small-scale proteomics experiment by receiving up to **5000 EUR** from the Student Proteomics Fund. This money can be used to cover any expense related with the project and is not only limited to proteomics data acquisition.

Applicants are encouraged to provide a breakdown on how they plan the budget to be spent in their application proposal. Laboratories within YPIC network will be able to provide technical advice for applicants that may not be familiar with some of the processes to be carried out during a proteomics project (sample preparation, data analysis...).

Who can apply?

This competition is open to **BSc., MSc., and PhD students** currently enrolled in a program within a EuPA (European Proteomics Association) country and interested in proteomics research.

Candidates are not required to be already involved in projects applying proteomics methods. Applications from candidates who are new to the field are highly encouraged. However, a good understanding on how proteomics methods would benefit your research is a requirement and will be evaluated.

Timeline and Milestones

Application period opens on 23rd September. Application materials will be accepted during this period.

Application period closes on 24th November at 23:00 CEST time.

November - January: Applications will be reviewed by YPIC members. Three finalists will be selected and notified.

February: Nominee interviews. Travel arrangements.

20th March 2025: The three finalists will present their projects at the YPIC Annual Proteomics Gathering in Athens. The winner of the fund will be announced at the end of the event.

Application Requirements

- A detailed description of the proposed small-scale proteomics experiment, including at least: title, background, research question, methodology, expected outcomes, statement on what kind of help may be needed (sample processing, sample

analysis...) and key reference publications. Inclusion of a timeline for project completion and a budget breakdown are also encouraged.

- Proof of student status
- Letter of support from supervisor
- Curriculum vitae (CV) of the applicant.
- A cover letter outlining the applicant's background and interest in proteomics research.

Evaluation Criteria

- Scientific innovation and originality of the proposed experiment.
- Feasibility of the experiment with the proposed resources.
- Clarity and quality of the written proposal.
- Applicant's demonstrated interest and potential in proteomics research.

The three finalists will be interviewed in advance of their trip to join the YPIC Retreat. This interview will assess the student's interest in proteomics, understanding of their proposed project, and ability to answer questions effectively.

Contact Information

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Direct communication between YPIC and applicants will be carried out by email. Announcements and regular reminders will be shared on YPIC's social media platforms.