

Animal Protection Research Prize 2026 - Nomination Form

Prize category Animal Protection Research Prize for outstanding research achievements based on the 3Rs principle

Please note that only German research institutions, 3R centres and Non-Governmental Organisations can submit nominations for the Animal Protection Research Award of the German Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH). This nomination form is for information purposes only and provides details of the data and answers requested on the nomination platform (Request for personal data, see cover sheet).

As a general rule, self-nominations are not permitted. Furthermore, spouses, partners and close relatives may not nominate their family members.

Link to the nomination platform:

<https://foerderportal.bund.de/easyonline/reflink.jsf?m=TSCHF&b=PHFL&t=SKI>

Presentation of the prize proposal and justification of the award

Please write a scientific assessment (max. two A4 pages) explaining why the scientist has made a significant contribution to the replacement or reduction of animal experiments or to refinement methods with his or her innovations, thereby achieving substantial improvements for laboratory animals during the experiment or during their keeping.

[Free text field]

Questionnaire

Please evaluate your nomination according to the following criteria regarding the influence of the scientist's work to be honoured in terms of the 3Rs and justify your assessment:

- Which of the 3Rs is the **focus** of the work proposed for nomination? (only one selection possible)
 - Replace: Replacement of animal experiments through the use of alternative methods
 - Reduce: Reduction of the number of laboratory animals to the minimum necessary for scientific purposes
 - Refine: Reduction of the suffering of laboratory animals before, during and after the experiment

[Free text field: Justification]
- How many animals have been or are expected to be used less as a result of the methods/innovations, and how many animals benefit from these refinement measures? Please also state the basis/information on which your estimate is based. [Free text field: justification]
- How would you describe the degree of innovation of the method? In other words, to what extent does the underlying idea or approach represent an innovation compared to already established approaches? [Free text field: justification]
- How would you assess the general acceptance of the method/innovation (e.g. how many laboratories or individuals are already using the method)?
- What other measures facilitate the widespread application of the innovation (e.g. no patent protection, cell lines deposited in cell banks, additional instructions or similar provided, open data, open access, etc.)? [Free text field: justification]
- How far has the translation of scientific results into application progressed (e.g. establishment of a new standard or marketing of ideas or methods)? [Free text field: Reason]
- To what extent is the method already being used in other laboratories? At the nominee's institution, nationally or internationally? (individual laboratories or widespread) [Free text field: Justification]
- Exploitation horizon: Is there a concrete application for the developed method? For example, has the developed method led to a regulatory-approved test method, a change in legislation, recommendations from professional associations, or similar? If so, which one? [Free text field: Justification]
- How do you assess the future potential of the method/innovation (e.g. extension of research results to other methods, other research areas)? [Free text field: Justification]

Key publications

Please list up to five key publications by the nominee(s) and justify your selection in terms of their relevance to the work being honoured. Please enter: Publication-ID, Number of citations (Google Scholar), Justification [free text].

Documents to be submitted

Please upload the following documents in PDF format (max. 50 MB):

- restricted-access publications (e.g. book chapters, if they describe the method in question)
- complete list of publications (e.g. from Google Scholar)
- list of awards already received
- curriculum vitae of the candidate
- signed scanned cover sheet (to be sent by post, see note)

Note: Please check that all your details are complete.

The closing date for applications is 31 March 2026. A nomination is only complete once the original signed cover sheet has been sent by post to the BfR. The closing date for entries is 15 April 2026.

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