

CTNR Best Paper Award

The scientific area “HealthTechMedicine – Neurosciences”, institutionalised in the Centre for Transdisciplinary Neurosciences Rostock (CTNR), bundles the scientific activities of neuroscience in order to increase national and international visibility. “HealthTechMedicine – Neurosciences” involves the development of transdisciplinary methods and their application to neurodegenerative diseases.

The CTNR is a structural core institution for scientific training and career development of early career scientists and provides the “CTNR Best Paper Award” in order to honour the best publications in the field in Rostock.

1. Purpose

The award creates an incentive for its researchers to participate more in the international discourse with their work and stimulates publication activity in internationally recognised journals. The prize money (€5,000) is used to support projects that build on the award-winning publication.

2. Eligibility Requirements

Early career scientists

- as doctoral candidates (shortly before the completion of the doctorate and after submitting the thesis) or
- as postdoctoral researchers (max. 36 months after doctorate),
- in theoretical, preclinical, clinical or non-medical subjects (e.g. psychology, natural, engineering, social sciences),
- with a neuroscientific focus (preferably related to HealthTechMedicine),
- whose host institution is a member of the CTNR

are eligible to apply.

3. Paper Requirements

The submitted paper

- requires a first authorship or a shared first authorship by the applicant
- must have been published within the last two years (status at least "in print") in a peer-reviewed journal

Prizes already received from other sources or previous CTNR Best Paper Awards are not grounds for exclusion.

The following are not funded: books, contributions to books, contributions to collective works, contributions to conferences, dissertations, habilitations.

4. Application process

Application deadlines: May 30th and November 30th of each year.

The application includes:

1. Proposed journal publication as a PDF
2. Curriculum Vitae

A prior clarification with the receiving institution about the full provision and free use of the prize money is required.

The application may only be submitted electronically by e-mail to ctnr@med.uni-rostock.de

5. Prize money

Twice a year, one work is awarded prize money of €5,000 each. The prize money won can be used for project-related costs (e.g. conference fees, travel, consumables, equipment). The winner has to summarise the scientific work (0.5 pages) in a clear language that can be understood by the public, with a brief explanation of how the work relates to HealthTechMedicine – Neurosciences and/or strengthening cooperation with technical subjects (e.g. computer science, engineering).

6. Evaluation

The CTNR Board evaluates the submitted applications and decides on the award; the decision is final and not subject to appeal.

7. Financing

The financing of the CTNR Best Paper Award is made from the funds allocated by the UMR for the scientific area “HealthTechMedicine – Neurosciences”.