FEMS Education Development Award: regulations

We recognize excellence in microbiology and its contribution to society through our high profile awards programme. This Award in particular aims to recognize an individuals’ contribution to the development of microbiology education. Education is crucial for microbiologists to develop the skills and knowledge to keep up to date with recent developments, a changing world and changing research priorities. This Award can help promote the importance of microbiology education.

CRITERIA
The award recognizes innovative approaches to the development of microbiology education. Education is broadly defined and meant to include any and all activities that inform and motivate students about the discipline of microbiology. We invite to nominate persons that meet one or more of the following criteria:

• outstanding educators who inspire people and create interest in microbiology
• using innovative instructional practices, which are replicable and scalable
• educators addressing particular microbiology related challenges of the society
• educators creating impact in the community beyond the classroom, aiding a general appreciation of the importance of microbial life or the science of microbiology
• educators improving the teaching profession by providing innovative and efficient education approaches in the field of microbiology

MAKING A NOMINATION

Frequency: biennially

Who is eligible?
• educators at any institution level
• teaching / active in any field of microbiology

What does an Awardee receive?
• a monetary prize of € 1,000
• an invitation to give a presentation at the next Summer School on Microbiology Education (in the following uneven year, so: 2023, 2025, 2027 etc.), including free registration, travel and accommodation
• FEMS will give the awardee recognition by promoting the awardee’s work through its channels

What do you need to do?
The deadline for nomination is 1 December of every even year (2022, 2024, 2026 etc.).

Self-nomination not possible. A candidate can be nominated by:
• a Delegate of a FEMS Member Society or colleague(s) of the Educator

A nomination should be supported by:
• a nomination letter, describing why the Educator excels in the development of microbiology education
• 1-2 additional letters of support from colleagues/ students would normally be expected
**Who makes the selection?**
Nominations are scrutinized by the FEMS Awards Committee, extended with 2 members of the FEMS Education Group.

**What happens after the nomination?**
Following selection by the jury and approval by the FEMS Directors, FEMS will contact the Awardee, latest 1 February of every even year (2023, 2025, 2027 etc.).