

FEMS Industry & Innovation Award: regulations

We recognize excellence in microbiology and its contribution to society through our high-profile awards programme. One of FEMS' main aims is to strengthen connections between academia and industry and support career development for microbiologists in applied microbiology. This Award in particular aims to recognize an outstanding microbiologist or group of microbiologists with distinguished achievements in the development of products, processes or technologies.

CRITERIA

Distinguished achievements can be having developed innovative products, services or technologies that are based on microbiology and that benefit society and/or the environment.

MAKING A NOMINATION

Frequency: biennially

Who is eligible?

The nominee(s) must demonstrate outstanding accomplishment in microbiology and have made those accomplishments while working in industry. The company should be based in a country in Europe or in a country with a Member Society federated by FEMS.

We encourage diversity and attach great importance to an inclusive working environment and equal opportunities, regardless of gender identity, disability, race, ethnicity, religion or belief, sexual orientation or age. We encourage people from diverse backgrounds and with diverse characteristics to apply.

What does an Awardee receive?

- a certificate
- a monetary prize of € 1000
- free registration to the FEMS Congress (max. 3 if the prize is for a group)
- talk at the FEMS Congress (free accommodation and travel for 1 speaker)

What do you need to do?

The deadline for nomination is 1 December of every even year (2022, 2024, 2026 etc.).

A candidate can be nominated by:

- a Delegate of a FEMS Member Society
- a colleague at university
- a colleague from industry (self-nomination is possible)

A nomination should be supported by:

- a nomination letter, describing distinguished achievements in the development of products, processes or technologies

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- CV of the nominee

Who makes the selection?

Nominations are scrutinized by the FEMS Awards Committee with two additional members from industry. The jury is to be composed of representatives from academia and industry. Where possible, the jury should reflect diverse sectors of industry. Companies that are represented in the jury, are exempt from participation.

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 uneven year (2023, 2025, 2027 etc.).