



Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that *Viruses* will be awarding one prize for excellence in virology and two travel awards for Postdocs and PhD students.

2017 VIRUSES AWARDS

VIRUSES YOUNG INVESTIGATOR PRIZE AND TRAVEL AWARDS

1. *Viruses* Young Investigator in Virology Prize

The nominations will be assessed by an awards committee chaired by the Editor-in-Chief, Dr Eric Freed.

This award recognizes ground-breaking contributions to the field by virologists under the age of 40.

The application package must include:

- The candidate's curriculum vitae
- A letter of nomination from an established virologist not directly associated with the candidate

The letter should highlight the candidate's achievements and contributions to the field of virology. Additional references will be requested by the committee, if necessary.

The award will consist of **2,000 Swiss Francs**, an invitation to speak at the *Viruses* 2018 conference in Barcelona, Spain and an engraved plaque.

2. *Viruses* Travel Awards for Postdocs and PhD Students

The applications will be assessed by an awards committee chaired by the Editor-in-Chief, Dr Eric Freed.

Candidates must provide:

- An abstract describing recent unpublished work
- Curriculum Vitae
- Justification letter describing their research focus (maximum of 2 pages)
- Letter of support from mentor

All candidates should be PhD students or postdoctoral fellows.

Two travel awards will be granted. Each award will consist of **800 Swiss Francs** for travel to a virology conference in 2017.

► Please send your nominations and applications for these awards to the *Viruses* Editorial Office at viruses@mdpi.com by 31 October 2016. Prizes will be awarded by the end of January, 2017.