

European Biotech Week | Essay Competition (2022)

Rules, Terms & Conditions

RULES

1. Theme/Objective of the competition

EuropaBio – The European Association for Bioindustries hereby invites you to participate in the European Biotech Week **Essay Competition** (2022 Edition). The main objective of the competition is to engage with European citizens, by raising awareness and making biotech accessible to local communities, and by showing concrete examples to explain how biotech surrounds and supports us in everyday life, also in light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

2. How to enter

Participants may enter the competition by submitting their entries via entry form on the Biotech Week website. Each entry must be accompanied by a submission form duly filled in. There is no entry fee for the competition.

3. Eligibility

The competition is open to all students and young graduates who are:

- EU citizens (or permanent EU residents) up to the age of 35, and who are enrolled in a recognised EU University by July 31st, 2022, (Bachelor's/Master's) or have obtained a (Bachelor's/Master's) Degree issued by a recognised EU University between July 31st, 2020 and July 31st, 2022; or
- UA (Ukrainian) citizens up to the age of 35, and who are enrolled in a recognised University by July 31st, 2022, (Bachelor's/Master's) or have obtained a (Bachelor's/Master's) Degree issued by a recognised University between July 31st, 2020 and July 31st, 2022.

Employees and immediate relatives of employees of *EuropaBio* or of its respective parent, subsidiary, member or affiliated organisations or any other person connected with this competition are excluded from participation. See point 4 of the *Terms & Conditions*. All entries will be carefully moderated.

By entering the competition, participants declare that all information provided is correct and not misleading, and that they meet the eligibility requirements.

4. Entries

Each participant may submit a maximum of one entry, and can compete for only one of the categories (*Healthcare Biotechnology* or *Industrial Biotechnology*). Entries must be submitted in English.

The essay must be minimum one and maximum five pages long (A4), it can include maximum 1 table and 1 image, and the file should be formatted in Word as follows:

- Font Colour: Black (both for the main text and for the references)
- Main Text Font: Calibri
- Main Text Font Size: 11
- Main Text Line spacing: 1.5 | Before/After Paragraph 6pt
- Main Text Alignment: Justified
- References should be done as footnotes, following the [OSCOLA](#) referencing guide
- Footnote font: Calibri
- Footnote font size: 10
- Footnote line spacing: 1.0 | Before/After Paragraph 0pt
- Footnote Alignment: Left

Please make sure to use the proper essay template for your submission (you can [download it](#) from the [European Biotech Week website](#)).

- If you wish to compete for the [Healthcare Biotechnology Category](#), write your essay by addressing the following question:

“How can the EU policy and legislative landscape (Industrial Strategy / Pharmaceutical Strategy / EU4Health / European Health Union, etc.) encourage development of the European biotechnology industry and support advancement in healthcare?”

- If you wish to compete for the [Industrial Biotechnology Category](#), write your essay by answering to the following questions:

"What is the role of industrial biotechnology as a key enabler of a more sustainable and competitive bioeconomy? How can its further development be supported?"

5. Copyright

All entries must be original work and the participant must be the sole owner of the copyright.

By entering the competition, participants declare that material does not infringe on any copyright or licenses, and that they hold full copyright of their essays. Participants also grant EuropaBio the right to publish and exhibit the submitted essays on EuropaBio websites, newsletters and social media channels.

EuropaBio reserves the right to modify and format the essays for publication purposes. No fee will be payable by EuropaBio for this use. However, the views expressed in the essays do not reflect on the views of *EuropaBio*, and remain solely the views of the participants.

Participants should retain the original file of their entry as they may be asked to prove ownership of the work at a later stage.

6. Moderation

All entries are checked to make sure that they meet the competition rules before being accepted for evaluation. In the case of rejection as eligible for evaluation participants will receive an email with notification.

7. Entry period [EXTENDED DEADLINE]

Entries may be submitted to the competition at any time during the period: April 6th, 2022 [00:00], Central European Summer Time, to August 15th, 2022 [23:59], Central European Summer Time.

8. Selection of winners

Essays will be marked by a panel of judges chosen by EuropaBio. Up to six winners will be selected in total, one in each category (Healthcare Biotechnology – Bachelor; Healthcare Biotechnology – Master; Industrial Biotechnology – Bachelor; Industrial Biotechnology - Master). The same winner cannot win in more than one category.

9. Prizes

Winners will be contacted at the end of the evaluation process for prize collection. The prize for each category will be awarded according to the following scheme:

Healthcare Biotechnology Category		Industrial Biotechnology Category	
Bachelor's	Master's	Bachelor's	Master's
Students / Recent Graduates	Students / Recent Graduates	Students / Recent Graduates	Students / Recent Graduates
500€	1000€	500€	1000€

10. Acceptance of Competition Rules

By entering the competition, the participants agree to be bound by the Competition Rules, including assurances on the copyright of entries.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. This Competition is organised and hosted by *EuropaBio – The European Association for Bioindustries* ('Promoter'), in the framework of the European Biotech Week 2022.
2. No purchase is necessary to enter this competition.
3. No correspondence will be entered into regarding this Competition, including but not limited to the vote, selection and results.

4. Employees and immediate relatives of employees of the promoter or of its respective parent, subsidiary or affiliated companies or any other person connected with this competition are excluded from participation (this includes persons working for the EuropaBio, as well as the persons working for its Members).
5. EuropaBio retains the right to disqualify any participant suspected of cheating in any form and remove their entries from the competition. No correspondence will be entered into on this matter.
6. EuropaBio reserves the right to select an alternative winner in the event that the promoter has reasonable grounds for believing that a participant has contravened any of these terms and conditions.
7. EuropaBio reserves the right to request the participants a proof of the submitted personal information.
8. All participants are responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by them as a result of participation in the Competition (including without limitation costs for accessing the Internet). Costs to enter the Competition via the internet may vary so the participants are invited to check with their local service provider for current charges.
9. A participant is responsible for any costs, taxes, duties or levies incurred as a result of participating in or winning the Competition. In addition, the participant hereby agrees and accepts that by winning the Contest, the participant may incur taxes, duties or other levies including but not limited to any prize tax etc. under any applicable laws and regulations. The prizes will be given as wire transfer, and winners will be required to provide an eligible IBAN number, to receive the funds. Under no circumstances the winning sum can be given in cash money.
10. No responsibility will be accepted for entries lost, delayed, misdirected, damaged, or undelivered, whether due to technical difficulties affecting electronic communication or else.
11. The prizes are as stated and are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged.
12. Participants and winners agree that they may be required to take part in publicity or other promotional activities without further consent or payment as later determined by promoter. Such publicity may include their names, images and/or likenesses as well as any contributions in the online Competition. The participant hereby grants *EuropaBio* any and all rights necessary for distribution and public display of any submitted text, image, or other intellectual property rights that may arise from participation in this Competition, the prizes or related publicity, and hereby grants the promoter the perpetual right to exclusively, royalty-free and without limitation use, edit, copy, reproduce, distribute, translate, and publicly display or publish any such intellectual property rights, for whatever purpose, in any form or medium, either on this web-site or elsewhere, for promotional activities or events arranged by promoter, whether locally or world-wide.
13. Any personal information, including, without limitation, the participant's name, age, address (including postcode), mobile phone number and/or email address will be used solely in connection with this Competition and will not be disclosed to any third party except for the purpose of the Competition. *EuropaBio* Legal Notice displayed at <https://www.europabio.org/legal> under "Privacy" applies to any processing of data performed in connection herewith.
14. By sending an entry to this contest, the participant agrees to be bound by these terms and conditions, which may be amended or varied at any time by *EuropaBio*.

15. *EuropaBio* will not be responsible for any failed connection by the participant's attempt to access the European Biotech Week website for whatever reason.

16. *EuropaBio* will under no circumstance whatsoever irrespective of the cause therefore, be liable for any loss, damage or personal injury to the winner nor to property or else caused or suffered in connection with this Competition or any prize(s) awarded in connection herewith.

17. The promoter will under no circumstance whatsoever be liable for any delays, changes, disruptions, cancellations, diversions or substitutions, unavailability of the prize(s) due to local public holidays or other conditions affecting availability or enjoyment of the prize(s). The promoter shall not be liable in respect of any non-performance of its obligations by reason of any act of God, civil war or strife, hostilities, act of foreign enemy, invasion, war, satellite failure, legal enactment, governmental order or regulation or any other cause beyond its control.

18. External sites involved in the competition such as social media channels may contain links to other websites, resources and advertisers. The promoter shall not be responsible for the availability of these external sites nor does promoter endorse or agree to be responsible for the contents, advertising, products or other materials made available on or through such external sites. Under no circumstances shall the promoter be held responsible or liable, directly or indirectly, for any loss or damage caused or alleged to have been caused to a user in connection with the use of or reliance on any content, goods or services available on such external site. Participants should direct any concerns directly to such external site's administrator or webmaster.

19. Social media sites used in this competition, including Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and Facebook, shall be used for lawful purposes only. Entries shall not contain any material and/or statement which violates or infringes in any way upon the rights of others which is unlawful, threatening, abusive, defamatory, invasive of privacy or publicity rights, vulgar, obscene, profane, indecent or otherwise objectionable, which encourages conduct or is conduct that would constitute a criminal offence, gives rise to civil liability or otherwise violates any applicable law. Entries failing to comply with this provision will be disqualified without prior notification. *EuropaBio* reserves the right to disqualify and report any entries it deems to be inappropriate.

20. *EuropaBio* reserves the right at any time and from time to time without any liability whatsoever, to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently this Contest, with or without prior notice to Participants.