



Call for Applications

SSM Encouragement Award & SSM PhD Award

Dear SSM Members,

We are pleased to invite you to submit applications or nominations for the **SSM Encouragement Award** and the **SSM PhD Award**.

The **SSM Encouragement Award** recognizes young investigators in microbiology for outstanding achievements of originality and scientific value. Contributions in research, development, and teaching are considered. Eligible work must have been carried out in Switzerland or be closely connected with Switzerland.

Applications may be submitted by any SSM member, and self-applications are welcome.

The awardee will be invited to present their work at the SSM Annual Congress.

The **SSM PhD Award** distinguishes outstanding PhD theses in microbiology completed in Switzerland or in close collaboration with Switzerland.

Nominations may be submitted by any SSM member, and self-applications are also possible.

The awardee will present their work in a short closing lecture at the SSM Annual Congress.

For further details, you can find attached the **rules and application requirements**.

Applications should be sent to secretary@swissmicrobiology.ch.

Due to the ongoing restructuring of the SSM website, the application **deadline has been exceptionally extended to March 31, 2026**.

We strongly encourage you to apply or to nominate deserving candidates.

With kind regards,
SSM Committee