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Official Rules for the Young Scientist Research Grant

The contest is sponsored by QIAGEN GmbH, Qiagen Str. 1, 40724 Hilden, Germany.

1. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The QIAGEN will provide the Research Grant only to the organization of the winning applicant. The person submitting the application (the “Applicant”) is therefore entering on behalf of their organization, which will be the recipient of the Research Grant (the “Grant Recipient”). By submitting an application for a Research Grant, the Applicant certifies that they have obtained any permissions required from the Grant Recipient to submit the application on its behalf and is not violating any policies of the Grant Recipient in doing so.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. All applicants must be currently enrolled graduate students (Master’s or Ph.D.) or accepted into a Master’s or Ph.D. program starting within the next 6 months and must be primarily responsible for the research described. Employees and immediate family members of QIAGEN are not eligible to participate in the research grant. Individuals or entities classified as healthcare professionals or healthcare organizations under any applicable laws or industry codes of ethics may not participate in this program.
- b. The Young Scientist Research Grant is available to researchers in the European Union, UK and Ireland and North American regions, regardless of age, gender,

country of origin, background, or religion. The research described in the submission must fall within the following life science research areas: cancer research, microbiome, microbiology, or sustainability research.

- c. QIAGEN reserves the right to exclude applicants at any time and without notice who tamper with the contest, the selection process, or otherwise act in opposition to these terms and conditions. In case of a dispute regarding the identity of the person submitting an online entry, the entry will be deemed submitted by the person in whose name the email account is registered. If a certain name is suggested by more than one person, the entry will be credited to the first person to submit the suggestion based on the date the suggestion was registered.
- d. All taxes, including, without limitation, federal, state and local taxes on or in connection with the prize, are the sole responsibility of the winning entry. The sponsor reserves the right to substitute any prize of equal or greater value in its sole discretion. No cash prize alternative will be awarded, and the prize is not transferable. The sponsor reserves the right to cancel, suspend, and modify the contest at its sole discretion. By participating in the contest, entrants agree to release and hold harmless the sponsor from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the contest, including any errors in the administration of the promotion, printing errors, and technical errors. The winner and his or her entry further agree to release and hold harmless the sponsor from any claims arising out of the receipt or use of any prize awarded and consent to the disclosure of the name of the winning entry.
- e. Return of any award notification as undeliverable will result in forfeiture of the award. Legal recourse is excluded. QIAGEN, its officers, directors, affiliates, subsidiaries, agencies, agents, and representatives and their respective employees are not responsible and shall not be liable for: (a) electronic, hardware, or software program, network, internet, or computer malfunctions, failures, or difficulties of any kind, including, without limitation, server malfunctions or any error (human or otherwise) that may occur in the processing of applications; or (b) any condition caused by events beyond the control of QIAGEN that may cause the application

and award process to be disrupted or corrupted. Any attempt by an entrant to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the award program may be a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should such an attempt be made, QIAGEN reserves the right to seek damages from such person to the extent permitted by law.

3. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- a. To enter the contest, complete the application form found below by April 15, 2025. Only one entry per applicant will be considered. Submissions must be in English language. Submissions are only accepted via the online form. Five winners will be determined by a judging process outlined in the Evaluation Process section.
- b. Submissions must relate to research-use-only applications. Submissions related to diagnostic use will not be accepted. Incomplete submissions or those that do not meet the requirements will be rejected.
- c. By participating in the grant program, all applicants consent to the use of their photos, names and research details by QIAGEN for winner announcements and other communications related to the grant program, including but not limited to the QIAGEN website, QIAGEN social media channels and QIAGEN online events. The consent is voluntary but necessary for processing the application and entering the grant program.

4. EVALUATION PROCESS

- a. The applications will be evaluated by QIAGEN employees from Marketing and R&D who have no conflicts of interest with any participants. Our panel of experts in the fields of cancer research, microbiome/microbiology and sustainability research will review and select the five finalists. All applications will be judged using a scoring system with a maximum possible score of 100 points. Entries will be graded based on:

- Well-defined and clearly stated background, hypothesis, methods, and aim of the research proposal (50 points)
 - Originality and innovation of the proposal (20 points)
 - Likelihood of successfully conducting the proposed research within 12 months (10 points)
 - QIAGEN products to be used for research well defined (20 points)
- b. The five winners will be determined as follows:
- The top scorer in each of the three research areas: cancer research, microbiome/microbiology and sustainability research
 - Master's student with the highest score
 - Next top scorer, independent of research area and career level

6. PRIZES

The five grant recipients will receive a consumables prize package worth \$5,000 USD and a CLC Premium Workbench license subscription for one year worth \$5,000 USD. The awardee can select any products from our life science consumables portfolio based on our product list prices with no additional or existing discount.

7. DATA PROCESSING

- a. QIAGEN is committed to protecting your privacy. When we process personal data, we observe the rules laid down in the applicable data protection laws, including but not limited to General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and California Consumer Privacy Act. Further details can be found in our Privacy Policy. If personal data is transferred outside the EU/EEA, we will ensure that appropriate contractual measures (e.g., using standard contractual clauses of the EU Commission) are applied to the transfer, the transfer is lawful and that the processing and

confidentiality are in compliance with the applicable laws. For more information, please refer to our Privacy Policy.

- b. This contest is void where prohibited by law. The contest is sponsored by QIAGEN GmbH, Qiagen Str. 1, 40724 Hilden, Germany.
- c. These Official Rules are governed by, and must be construed in accordance with, the laws of Germany.
- d. Entrants agree that all disputes arising from or in connection with this Research Grant must be heard in a state or federal court of Germany.