



# Fast Forward Science 2020

*The Web-Video Competition for Science Videos*

## Conditions of participation

The web-video competition Fast Forward Science (hereinafter referred to as "the competition") is a joint project of Wissenschaft im Dialog gGmbH (hereinafter referred to as "the organiser") and the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft. The partner in the VISION category and of the Young Scientist Award is the [Deutscher Zukunftspreis](#), the German President's Award for Innovation in Science and Technology.

Web videos can be submitted for the competition between 4 May and 26 July 2020 at [www.fastforwardscience.de](http://www.fastforwardscience.de).

### § 1

The organiser is not responsible for the videos submitted by participants. The videos remain the sole responsibility of the respective user.

### § 2 Key competition dates

1) Video submission	4 May – 26 July 2020
2) Evaluation of the videos by the jury	September 2020
4) Announcement of the finalists in each category	28 September 2020
3) Online Voting (Community Award)	28 September – 25 October 2020
5) Announcement of winners (without ranking)	26 October 2020
6) Awards ceremony at the STATE Studio Berlin	13 November 2020

### § 3 YouTube/Google Account

The organiser uses the services of the video portal YouTube for the implementation of the competition. Each participant must upload their web video to YouTube. If the web video meets the formal entry requirements (§6) and the legal requirements (§7), we will add it to the playlist of the corresponding category on [our YouTube channel](#). The finalist and winner videos will be integrated via the YouTube link on the competition [homepage](#), on the [blog](#) as well as on other websites, if applicable.

To publish a web video on YouTube, you need a Google account to use the YouTube service. This account, the YouTube channel and all uploaded videos are subject to the YouTube Terms of Use. The YouTube channel can be deleted at any time. If the deletion takes place during the duration of the competition, further participation in the competition is excluded for technical reasons.



All submitted web videos must be accessible through the YouTube link provided at the time of submission for the duration of the competition. If a web video is one of the finalists and winners and is no longer accessible via the YouTube link after the end of competition, the organiser may upload the web video to the CMS on the website [fastforwardscience.de](http://fastforwardscience.de).

#### **§ 4 Eligibility to Participate**

The competition is open to all those who are enthusiastic about research and science, e.g. researchers, students and young scientists of all disciplines, communicators, pupils, video artists, web video makers, YouTubers, people interested in science as well as agencies specialising in research communication.

The VISION category is targeted at young people and aims to find out more about their ideas for the future. The most sought-after groups are schoolchildren, students and young scientists, but also YouTubers and start-ups. The competition seeks their ideas and visions for our future. Nonetheless, anyone can submit a video in this category.

The Young Scientist Award is a special prize awarded exclusively to young scientists. This group includes young researchers who are doing their doctorate and postdocs in the first six years after their doctorate. The status in the year of the competition is decisive, regardless of the date of the doctorate. This means that all participants who are currently still doing their doctorate or who were awarded a doctorate in the period from 2014 to 2020 are eligible for the Young Scientist Award. In order to be selected for the Young Scientist Award, participants must confirm in the entry form that they meet the criteria. Only videos submitted in the three main categories, SUBSTANZ, SCITAINMENT and VISION, will be eligible for selection for the Special Award

As part of the Super Fast – 24h-Instagram-Challenge the best Instagram story of freelancers and small agencies of up to five employees will also be awarded.

Team submissions of a maximum of six persons are possible. The name of a main contact person must be provided.

Natural and legal persons are eligible to participate.

Employees and family members of the organiser and the project partners are not excluded from participation, but the contributions posted by them are not entitled to win.

Participants who are under the age of 18 years at the time of submission (this applies to the person responsible for the submission as well as to the other team members) must submit a written declaration of consent from their parents or legal guardians. A video can only be admitted to the competition after they have submitted their declaration of consent.

The organiser reserves the right to exclude participants who breach the conditions of participation from the competition. Participants who attempt to disrupt or manipulate the course of the competition as well as participants who attempt to gain an advantage through the use of unauthorised aids will be excluded from participation.

At the request of the organiser, each winner must prove his or her identity by sending a copy of their identity card or a comparable document (passport, registration of address). In the case that such evidence is not provided on time, this may lead to exclusion from the competition or loss of the right to win.



## § 5 Participation

The video entry will be accepted for the competition if the video is submitted within the application period using the online form on the competition website [www.fastforwardscience.de](http://www.fastforwardscience.de). By submitting the video, each contest participant accepts these conditions of participation, if applicable also on behalf of other group members.

Each user may submit up to three videos. However, only one web video per user can be selected as a finalist. Finalists are the up to six best videos in a category selected by the jury. The finalists compete in the online voting for the Community Award.

The submitted web video must fulfil the formal participation requirements mentioned under §6. If a submitted web video is accepted for the competition, it will appear in the playlist of the corresponding category in the YouTube channel of Fast Forward Science.

Participation in the competition is free of charge.

Should the organiser become aware that a video violates the conditions of participation or the YouTube Community Guidelines or applicable law, individual videos may be excluded from participation. In addition, the organiser reserves the right, at its own discretion, to exclude certain videos from the contest if they are in poor taste, are not on topic, or are not beneficial to the competition. The organiser is not obliged to state the reason for exclusion.

In the case that your web video breaks any applicable law, you release the organiser from any resulting liability to any third party and agree to indemnify the organiser for all damages arising therefrom.

## § 6 Formal conditions for participation

To submit your video for the Fast Forward Science competition, it must meet the following formal criteria:

- **Type:** A web video that was first published on the Internet between 1 April 2019 and 26 July 2020, that was not previously submitted to this competition and can be found on YouTube. For [Super Fast](#), you can create an Instagram story and save it as a video that we'll upload to our YouTube channel.
- **Content:** A topic that is currently the subject of research. The reference to current science and research should be made clear. Image films often do not fulfil this requirement. The category [VISION](#), focuses on your idea and vision of the future, so it is also allowed to think beyond the current state of research.
- **Length:** There is no length restriction.
- **Language:** German as well as English with German subtitles (not just automatic YouTube translation). Subtitles can be added, for example, on YouTube via "Transcript". Only exceptions: In the category VISION and for the Young Scientist Award only German language videos are allowed. If you want to submit a video in another language, please contact us.
- **Reference to the competition:** In the video description, the first sentence must refer to the participation in the Fast Forward Science competition and the link [www.fastforwardscience.de](http://www.fastforwardscience.de) must be inserted.
- **Advertising:** Paid or unpaid product placements by or for third parties within the submitted videos or in the video description are not permitted with Fast Forward Science. Excluded from this rule are Own products/inventions, advertisements automatically placed by YouTube in front of the videos as well as videos that have been produced in the context of a cooperation or



by order and have not been produced solely for the purpose of sales. In case of doubt the jury will decide.

- General: The content must be free of adult content (violent or explicit scenes and language), third party rights, personality rights and copyright. Furthermore, it should be free of violent, sexist and discriminatory content and should not reinforce stereotypes. Gender and diversity aspects should be considered in the videos. If the videos deal with issues relating to physical or mental health, the video description should mention help websites or emergency numbers and a trigger warning at the beginning of the video.
- Sources: Fast Forward Science is about science and research. It is good scientific practice to name sources. It is therefore welcomed if sources are named in the video or video description that support the statements and/or lead to further information.

The category to which a video can be submitted depends on the thematic orientation of the web video: Do content or entertainment come first? Is it about visionary ideas, research and science?

The exact descriptions of the categories, prizes and evaluation procedure can be found in the competition announcement and on <http://www.fastforwardscience.de>.

### **§ 7 Concession of rights**

To submit a video for the competition, the participant must agree to the following points during the registration process:

- You do not use GEMA-liable music in your video.
- You own all the rights to the images you use in your video or have obtained permission to use the images.
- There is no adult content (violent or explicit scenes or language) in your video.
- You accept the rules of the competition as set forth in the conditions of participation, the competition announcement, and the privacy policy (in German).
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You agree that Wissenschaft im Dialog gGmbH and participating project partners may process your personal data within the context of the organisation and implementation of the Fast Forward Science competition in accordance with the legal provisions and to the extent necessary for the competition. This applies, in particular, to contact during the competition in the event of queries or with regard to current competition phases, external communication (if you are selected as a finalist), for statistical evaluations and the evaluation of the competition, as well as for marketing purposes.

The organiser does not adopt the web videos of the contest participants as their own. Irrespective of the rights you grant Google/YouTube to the videos you have uploaded in accordance with the General YouTube Terms of Use, you grant the organiser the rights required for the purposes of the competition, in particular the right to make the videos publicly accessible, to edit the videos, to create a compilation from the videos together with other videos and to make it publicly accessible and to publicly present the videos and the compilation to the public, free of charge, irrevocably, temporally and spatially unrestricted, for the videos submitted by you within the framework of the competition.

You grant the organizer the right to transfer the rights to the videos granted by you here to third parties or to grant sublicenses to them.



You confirm and guarantee to the organiser that you have all of the above rights in respect of the videos you post and that you can grant them to the organiser without infringing any third party rights of any kind. If you do not own the rights to the content submitted to the competition, you guarantee that you have all necessary rights, licenses, permissions, consents, powers of attorney and authorisations.

You confirm that you will not use any GEMA-liable music in your video.

In the case that the submitted video violates the aforementioned requirements, the producer of the video releases the organiser from any resulting liability towards third parties and agrees to compensate the organiser for all resulting damages. If you are not the owner of the rights to the posted content, you warrant that you have effectively obtained all necessary rights, licenses, permissions, consents, powers and authority.

### **§ 8 Evaluation by the jury**

The evaluation of the web videos is done by the jurors. They are all entitled to an equal vote. The jury consists of people with different backgrounds. These include representatives of classical and new media, science communication and film. In the competition of 2020 there will be two juries, the SUBSTANZ and SCITAINMENT juries and the jury for the VISION category. The Super Fast videos will be judged by a committee of the SUBSTANZ and SCITAINMENT juries. The organiser reserves the right to change the composition of the jury.

The jury is supplemented by two observers Michael Sonnabend, head of public relations, online and offline publications at the Stifterverband, and Markus Weißkopf, managing director of WiD. The observers are not entitled to vote.

The videos in the categories SUBSTANZ, SCITAINMENT and VISION are judged for their content, understandability, entertainment value, production quality and web video character. The Instagram stories of the Super Fast – 24h Instagram Challenge will also be judged according to their content, comprehensibility, entertainment, but also the creative use of different elements and the Instagram-story character will also be considered. Depending on the category, individual evaluation criteria are weighted twice.

In case of a very large number of entries, the organiser reserves the right to preselect for the jury.

### **§ 9 Prizes**

In the categories SUBSTANZ, SCITAINMENT and VISION three places are awarded. The 1st place is endowed with €3,000 each, the 2nd place with €2,000 and the 3rd place with €1,000.

In addition, the organiser awards the Super Fast – 24h Instagram Challenge, the Young Scientist Award and the Community Award. For each of the special awards one video or one Instagram story will be awarded with €1,000. In Super Fast, freelancers also have the chance to win a special prize of €500 with their Instagram story.

The exact descriptions of the prizes can be found in the competition announcement or at [www.fastforwardscience.de](http://www.fastforwardscience.de).

>> Award ceremony at the Klimahaus in Bremerhaven



We invite one member of each winning team in each of the three categories, the Super Fast – 24h Instagram Challenge and the Community Award to Berlin. The award ceremony for Fast Forward Science will take place in the Klimahaus in Bremerhaven on 13 November 2020. Excerpts from the first-placed web videos in each of the categories and special prizes will be shown during the award ceremony.

### **§ 10 Payment of prize money**

For the winners, the entire prize amount will be distributed exclusively to the participant (natural or legal person) who submitted the video. The participant guarantees that he is entitled to receive the prize, in particular by conceding the rights under §7. Other claims by third parties or other team members cannot be considered by the organiser, but can only be forwarded to the respective participant.

### **§ 11 Liability**

With regard to the implementation of the competition, the organiser is liable without limitation, for whatever legal reason, in cases of injury to life, limb or health, for intent, fraudulently concealed defects and guarantees of quality. The organiser is also liable for damages resulting from a grossly negligent breach of duty by the organiser or from an intentional or grossly negligent breach of duty by a legal representative or agent.

The organiser is also liable for breaches of a material contractual obligation ("cardinal obligation", i.e. an obligation the fulfilment of which is essential to the proper fulfilment of the contract and the observance of which the other party may normally rely). In the case of simple negligence, however, this liability shall be limited to the typical damage foreseeable at the time of conclusion of the contract. The above provisions do not affect the liability of the organiser under the law on liability for defective products.

In all other cases the liability of the organiser is expressly excluded. The provisions of this § 11 also apply in favour of any claims made with the Organiser pursuant to §§ 15 ff. of the German Civil Code, German Stock Corporation Act.

### **§ 12 Other**

Should individual provisions of these conditions of participation be or become invalid, inadmissible or unenforceable, this shall not affect the validity of the remaining conditions of participation.

Although for reasons of readability and comprehensibility only the masculine has been used in the text of the conditions of participation, they apply to all persons regardless of their sex.

The law of the Federal Republic of Germany applies.

The decision of the organiser is final.

