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FAST FORWARD SCIENCE

**SCIENCE VIDEOS & PODCASTS
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DEADLINE: 30. APRIL 2025

Passion for research, for innovative multimedia formats and for communication – Fast Forward Science is all about people who are not only passionate about science themselves, but who can also inspire others. Every year, we recognize the **best video and audio content from young researchers and newcomers on social media**.

The Fast Forward Science **multimedia competition, which is endowed with a total of €9,000**, is a joint project of Wissenschaft im Dialog and the Stifterverband and has been held annually since 2013. The partner of the YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD is the Deutscher Zukunftspreis.

Prizes are awarded to contributions that present current research in an understandable and target group-oriented way and offer the necessary “wow” effect. Contributions that activate and involve their audience will receive special points. The research topic is freely selectable. Entries must be published on the Internet between March 14, 2024 and April 30, 2025 and be publicly accessible via a link. Videos and audios can be submitted for three awards in the main competition: The YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD with the subcategories long and short as well as the AUDIO AWARD. In addition, there are two special prizes for the Best Debut Video and the Best Debut Audio.

The **submission deadline for all awards is April 30, 2025**. The award ceremony will take place in fall 2025.



1 What and who? [Awards and participants]

Fast Forward Science honors outstanding scientific audio and video contributions. Participants can put their communication skills to the test in five award categories – with three categories in the main competition and two special prizes for the best debut.

The main competition: win up to €2,000 in prize money

Applicants have the opportunity to present their scientific communication in three categories. The Young Scientist Award (Short & Long) honors outstanding video contributions, while the Audio Award recognizes excellent scientific audio formats. The winners of the first places each receive € 2,000, the second places are endowed with € 1,000.

Young Scientist Award (Short & Long)

The **Young Scientist Award** is aimed at students, doctoral candidates and post-docs (up to six years after their doctorate) who would like to present their research in an understandable and exciting way using video content.

Both beginners and experienced creators are welcome – the decisive factor is the convincing and appealing communication of scientific content and its relevance to society. The partner of the Young Scientist Award is **the Deutscher Zukunftspreis**.

The award is divided into two categories:

- **Short:** Science explained briefly and concisely – in a maximum of 3 minutes.
- **Long:** Extensive scientific content presented in depth – 3 minutes or more.

Audio Award

The Audio Award honors scientific audio formats of any length. Regardless of the scientific or professional background, what counts here is the ability to convey scientific content in an understandable, exciting and target group-oriented way.

Special prizes for the best debut

The special prizes are aimed at participants who are new to Wisskomm – regardless of their scientific or professional background. The decisive factor for participation is that the first contribution on the channel was published in the period of the current competition round – i.e. **between March 14, 2024 and April 30, 2025**.



The special prizes are divided into two categories:

- **Best Debut Video:** For new video creators* who want to try their hand at SciCom and expand their online presence.
- **Best Debut Audio:** For up-and-coming audio creators who want to establish themselves in scientific audio communication.

The winners of the special prizes will receive an individual content consultation with an experienced expert from the industry.

2 How? [Checklist]

Contributions can be submitted to Fast Forward Science 2025 between February 3 and April 30, 2025. The submission process is straightforward:

- You upload up to three contributions on the platforms of your choice.
- You indicate in the entry information that you are participating in Fast Forward Science and which award you are applying for – preferably with the (award-specific) hashtags and a link to the competition.
- You fill out the application form on the website.

You can read the exact conditions of participation [here](#). All submissions that meet the conditions of participation and quality criteria will be included on the [website](#), in the [blog](#) and, if applicable, on other websites.

3 How are the entries evaluated? [Selection process]

The award winners are selected by a jury consisting of experts from various fields such as media, science communication, podcasts and film. They all have equal voting rights. Each entry is assessed by several jurors using an evaluation form. Evaluation criteria include, for example, content, comprehensibility, structure of the entries as well as accessibility and opportunities for interaction. The specific criteria for the individual awards can be found in the [conditions of participation](#).

Following the evaluation of the entries, the final award winners will be selected in a joint



jury meeting.

4 What happens when? [The procedure]

Entries for the competition can be submitted from February 3, 2025. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2025. The jury meeting will take place in July 2025 and will decide on the winners of the respective awards. The winners will be announced in fall 2025. This will be followed by the award ceremony.

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