IBioC

Edition 2027

International Biology Competition

Prizes & Awards



Solve the puzzles of life.

An online biology competition in three rounds for school and university students worldwide.



1 Prizes and Awards

Every participant receives a certificate. In the Final Round, outstanding performance is recognised with Bronze, Silver or Gold Honours. The best students in each age group are awarded the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize, and National Awards go to the highest-scoring participants from each country. The awards are worth a total of 2,500 USD, including cash prizes and special partner program awards.

Senior

1st Prize	**150 USD**	Cash prize and special 1st Prize certificate
2nd Prize	**125 USD**	Cash prize and special 2nd Prize certificate
3rd Prize	**100 USD**	Cash prize and special 3rd Prize certificate

Youth

1st Prize	**150 USD**	Cash prize and special 1st Prize certificate
2nd Prize	**125 USD**	Cash prize and special 2nd Prize certificate
3rd Prize	**100 USD**	Cash prize and special 3rd Prize certificate

Junior

1st Prize	**150 USD**	Cash prize and special 1st Prize certificate
2nd Prize	**125 USD**	Cash prize and special 2nd Prize certificate
3rd Prize	**100 USD**	Cash prize and special 3rd Prize certificate

We further honour the following achievements:

Partner Awards	Special awards worth over 1,400 USD from our partners (top participants matching the eligibility criteria)
National Awards	Special National Award certificate
All Finalists	Participation certificate with Bronze, Silver or Gold Honour
All Semi-Finalists	Official participation certificate
All Participants	Official participation certificate

Who will receive National Awards?

IBioC is a global competition, so we honour the top three participants from each country who achieve at least 50% of all points in the Final Round with a special National Award certificate. A list of the top national scorers is published on our website.

Is there a special honour for typeset solutions?

Yes. All participants who write their Qualification Round solutions with a computer program (for example TEX) receive a special honourary note on their certificate.

Do I receive a hard copy of my certificate?

Hard copies are mailed to all 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize winners. All other participants, including the finalists with Honours, receive high-quality digital certificates (PDF) with a permanent verification ID: https://ibioc.org/verify

2 Awards for Ambassadors

Each year, special awards honour the most active and committed ambassadors. The coordinators consider the number of participants you encouraged as well as your documented activities and pictures:

Ambassador Award for Most Participants

1 award

For the ambassador who encouraged the most students to take part in IBioC.

Ambassador Award for Most Finalists

1 award

For the ambassador who supported the most students into the Final Round.

Ambassador Award for Excellent Encouragement

Several awards

For ambassadors who are extraordinarily active in their local community, document many activities that inspire students in biology, or give outstanding support to participants.

Ambassador Award for the Rising Newcomer

Several awards

For new ambassadors who joined during the current edition and already made a significant contribution to outreach.

Ambassador Award for Science Communication

Several awards

For ambassadors who found particularly creative, accessible or innovative ways to communicate biology and the IBioC mission.

Ambassador Award for Collaboration

Several awards

For ambassadors who organised impactful collaborations with other ambassadors, schools, universities or institutions.

Ambassador Award for Long-Term Impact

Several awards

For ambassadors who have contributed to IBioC for at least three years with sustained commitment in their region.

3 Awards for Teachers

We value the dedication of teachers who guide students through IBioC. These awards are honorary and not connected to cash prizes:

Teacher Award for Most Final Round Participants

1 award

For the teacher who mentored the most Final Round participants.

Teacher of the Year

1 award

For an outstanding teacher with exceptional dedication, consistent student performance and proactive engagement in promoting IBioC.

Teaching Impact Award

Several awards

For teachers whose students achieved outstanding results and who supported their participants with exceptional dedication.

How do teachers become eligible for these awards?

Teachers are considered automatically when they add participants through their teacher account. To be eligible, teachers must be registered with IBioC: https://ibioc.org/teacher-registration

4 Awards for Schools

Teachers and schools play a crucial role in scientific education. These awards are not connected to cash prizes:

School Award for Most Participants

1 award

For the school with the most participants in the Qualification Round.

School Award for Most Finalists

1 award

For the school with the most participants in the Final Round.

School Award for Excellence

Several awards

For schools with many outstanding students throughout the competition, or with particular support for their participants.

How do schools become eligible for these awards?

Schools take part automatically when students register with the school name. Please make sure that all students write the school name correctly and in the same way. We also recommend that teachers register with IBioC.

5 Further Achievements

Taking part in an international competition contributes to your personal development and is a valuable addition to your academic profile. IBioC brings you closer to real research and connects you with like-minded students.

Global Network: Winners and participants become part of the IBioC alumni network, a community of talented students from around the world. Successful participants receive all information about the network from us.

Opportunities: Our team shares information about international and regional opportunities, such as scholarships, summer schools, sponsored events and other competitions, directly with qualified participants and through the alumni platform.