Call for the 3 most outstanding research publications of the IRBLleida in 2026

The Annual Scientific Symposium of the Institute for Research in Biomedicine of Lleida (IRBLleida) will take place on 11 December 2026 at the Llotja Congress Center of Lleida. This conference is an opportunity for participation, collaboration, and visibility of the biomedical research performed in Lleida by the IRBLleida personnel. On the first part of the conference, the Institute research areas will be introduced, and on the second part the most recent research will be presented by our researchers (posters session and oral communications).

The Annual Scientific Symposium of the IRBLleida organizing committee deeply encourages to participate and present your research in any of the accepted formats.

The submission guidelines for the most outstanding research publication are the following:

1. Nominations

Three €500 prizes will be awarded to the most relevant articles, one prize for each category, basic research, clinical research or translational research.

2. Bases

- The participant must be the first author (or co-first author), last author or corresponding author of a research publication published in 2026 (from December 3rd 2025 to November 17th 2026).
- The participant must be a researcher currently affiliated to the IRBLleida.
- Each researcher can submit only ONE research publication (it is possible to submit one publication and be a non-principal author of other submitted publication).
- Articles pending publication (ahead of print) will be accepted on the condition that a letter of final acceptance for publication is presented.
- To participate, a PDF copy of the article must be submitted using the form https://www.irblleida.org/en/forms/irblleida-annual-scientific-symposium-2026/
- In addition, a brief letter (maximum 200 words) must also be submitted explaining:
  - The relevance of the article in your field of research.
  - Any transfer action derived from the scientific article such as protection of intellectual property or public-private industry relationships.
  - Specify which of the three awards you wish to apply for: Basic Research, Clinical Research or Translational Research. (The Scientific Committee can change the research field of a submitted publication if it is considered).
- Applications will be accepted in any of the following languages: Catalan, Spanish and English.

3. Deadline for submission

Proposals will be accepted until **17th November 2026 at 23:59h,** submitted on the following form:

- https://www.irblleida.org/en/forms/irblleida-annual-scientific-symposium-2026/

Applications sent after the deadline will not be considered.

4. Evaluation of the submitted proposals:

a. Decile / Quartile ranking of the scientific journal (50%)
b. Research performed at the IRBLleida (more than 50% of authors are affiliated at IRBLleida) (10%)
c. International/National collaborations (10%)
d. Innovation and transfer actions derived from the scientific article such as protection of intellectual property or public-private industry relationships. Justify in the brief letter (10%)
e. Open access publications (10%)
f. The publication is authored by a young researcher (up to 10 years after the thesis dissertation, prolonged in cases of maternity/paternity) (10%)
g. Impact Factor of the journal in which the article is published (extra 10%)

In case of tie, the award will be divided among the winning authors.

5. Awards:

a. Three prizes will be awarded:
   i. 1 prize of €500 for the most relevant article in the field of basic research.
   ii. 1 prize of €500 for the most relevant article in the field of clinical research.
   iii. 1 prize of 500€ for the most relevant article in the field of translational research.
b. The award will be announced on the 11th December at the Annual Scientific Symposium of the Institute for Biomedical Research of Lleida.
c. The author presenting the publication to the current award, will individually receive the prize.
d. The candidate author must register and attend the symposium.
e. If the winner is absent at the award ceremony, one of the co-authors of the awarded publication must accept the prize on their behalf.

Organizing and Scientific Committee of the Annual Scientific Symposium of the Lleida Biomedical Research Institute.