

## Mid-Career Investigator Award – Biofabrication 2026

### Aim

The purpose of the ISBF's Mid-Career Investigator Award is to recognize a Mid-Career Investigator who has made significant scientific contributions to the field of Biofabrication, to promote advancements in her/his future career and to inspire early career researchers.

### Award Eligibility

The nominated individuals must have received their terminal degree (PhD or equivalent\*) between 5 and 20 years from the time of the award and must be actively contributing to the field of Biofabrication (excluding career breaks). The nominated individuals must hold a mid-career position at their institution, which should be outlined and justified in the nomination letters. An individual nominated for the ISBF's Mid-Career Investigator Award **MUST** be an active (current year dues paid) member of the ISBF and **MUST** attend the Biofabrication 2026 Conference in person in Monterrey, Mexico.

*\*Examples of other terminal degrees that may be considered include Doctor of Engineering (Eng.D.), Doctor of Medicine (M.D), Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S), and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M).*

### Award Criteria

The prize will be awarded to a Mid-Career Investigator that has addressed one or more of the following topics in their research:

- 1) design, synthesis and/or characterization of new printable biomaterials.
- 2) design, fabrication and/or validation of novel biomedical devices and/or fabrication processes.
- 3) implementation of novel physical, mathematical, or informatics models for the prediction, characterization, and/or analysis of biomedical devices.
- 4) development of novel tools for Biofabrication.
- 5) development of novel *in vivo* or *in vitro* biofabricated models.
- 6) development of novel applications or the translation of biofabricated constructs to preclinical or clinical practice.
- 7) industrial realization of a device, process, or materials for applications in Biofabrication.

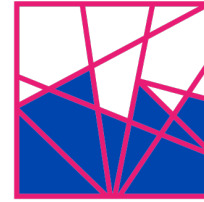
The selection of an awardees is subject to the discretion of the award committee and may result in two, one or zero recipient(s) being selected. This decision is based on applicants' demonstration of leadership skills, research excellence, and commitment to ISBF's policies of inclusion, diversity, and equity.

### Prize

The ISBF Awards Committee will select the Mid-Career Investigator. The award winner receives

- Invitation to speak for 15 minutes at the Biofabrication 2026 Closing Ceremony.
- US\$1000 Award.
- ISBF Recognition Trophy.

### Announcement



This 2026 ISBF's Mid-Career Investigator Award awardee will be notified by the ISBF 2026 Awards Committee during the week of 24<sup>th</sup> of August, 2026. The award will be publicly announced on the Biofabrication 2026 website and subsequently on the ISBF website. The Awards Committee will announce and present prize winners their awards on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Awards Ceremony of Biofabrication 2026. The awardee **MUST** be able to physically attend the 2026 Biofabrication Conference in Monterrey, Mexico.

### Application procedures and deadlines

1. Secret Nomination: any current member of the ISBF society can submit a nomination for another member to receive the 2026 Mid-Career Investigator award via a single email to the Awards Committee Chair, Prof. Carmelo De Maria ([carmelo.demaria@unipi.it](mailto:carmelo.demaria@unipi.it)). If Prof. De Maria is either a nominee or nominator, please submit the nomination to the ISBF President, Prof. Jurgen Groll instead ([juergen.groll@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:juergen.groll@uni-wuerzburg.de)).
2. A society member that submits a 2026 Mid-Career nomination should provide the following information on the nominee in a single PDF file:
  - a. Affiliation and Contact – no more than **one page** (form is available below or on the Biofabrication Awards webpage, no further details may be included).
  - b. Curriculum Vitae – no more than **5 pages** (11 point font, 0.5 inch margins).
  - c. **Three letters** of recommendation.
  - d. **One page** summary of the nominee's major accomplishments (0.5 inch margins, 11 point font).
3. The nomination messages must have a send date and time no later than **18<sup>th</sup> of July, 6PM Central European Summer Time (CEST)**. Notification of the award: week of 24<sup>th</sup> of August, 2026.

### Selection Criteria

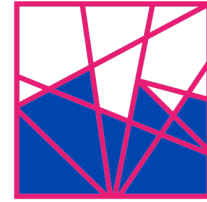
The award committee will evaluate a nominee's productivity and achievements in relation to their academic age. This approach seeks to provide fair comparison among applicants at different stages of their academic careers.

The candidatures will be examined and evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1) Overall level of productivity in the area of Biofabrication  
*The nominee's number of publications, books, citations and h-index should be consistent with other evidence of the nominee's international fellowships, keynotes/plenaries addresses, awards, and significant funding support.*
- 2) Significant contribution to the area of Biofabrication  
*The nominee's contributions to the field should encompass discoveries that push the boundaries of Biofabrication and may redefine our understanding of the field. The nominee's contributions should have impact beyond their individual research and should demonstrate commitment to ongoing professional development and workforce development (PhD students and Postdocs), leadership roles, and contributions to interdisciplinary collaborations to drive the discovery and implementation of new phenomena.*
- 3) Innovation and translation of their research  
*The nominee's transformative impact on research, industry, and society should be demonstrated through technology transfer and commercialization activities, including the number of patents/licenses, number of partnerships with industry/clinicians or clinical trials,*



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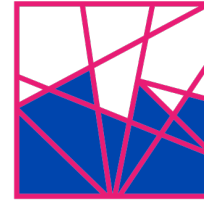
*significant market potential and scalability of Biofabrication techniques, development of open-source resources or tools for the Biofabrication community and/or other evidenced of widespread adoption and implementation of their work by other researchers, clinicians, or industry professionals.*

4) Other achievements

*The awards committee may consider other contributions to the field of Biofabrication, which can include the nominee's outreach efforts, media appearances, engagement in regulatory frameworks related to Biofabrication, support for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the field of Biofabrication, advancement of the 3Rs in Biofabrication, enhancement of global initiatives in Biofabrication, development of educational Biofabrication resources and/or enhancement of ISBF's international standing.*

**Review Committee Decision**

The Awards Committee consists of 6 members of the International Society of Biofabrication. If one of the nominees is on the Awards Committee, they cannot participate in the review or final decision. If a nominator is on the Awards Committee, they cannot vote on or discuss their nominee but can rank the other nominees.



### Affiliation and Contact Information

#### 2026 International Society for Biofabrication Award Application (1 page maximum)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial Suffix

Current Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Institution Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country Postal Code

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include area and country code)

#### Educational History (most recent first):

Name of Institution	Degree (B.S., B.A., Ph.D., etc.)	Field of Study or Focus	Date of Degree (or Expected Date)

#### Recent Employment History (most recent first):

Name of Institution	Position Held	Dates of Employment

#### Selected Publications:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Selected Honors and Awards:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.