

Deutsche Gesellschaft für DNA Reparatur (DGDR):

Stefan Jentsch Award 2026

The DGDR awards the *Stefan Jentsch Award 2026* for an outstanding PhD thesis in the field of DNA repair and genome stability.

The award includes a 1000 EUR cash prize and an invitation to present the research of the awardee at the DNA Repair Meeting in Cologne, September 7th-9th, 2026. The DGDR will cover the registration fee for the awardee and up to 200 EUR in travel expenses.

Candidates must be nominated by a principal investigator who needs to be a DGDR member. Self-nominations are not possible. Nominations must be submitted in a single pdf file by email to the DGDR President, Prof. Björn Schumacher (bjoern.schumacher@uni-koeln.de), by July 30th, 2026.

The awardee will be selected by the scientific advisory board of the DGDR with scientific excellence as the primary selection criteria.

Nominations must include (in this order)

- Nomination letter
- Curriculum vitae of the candidate, including a list of publications
- PhD certificate (indicating the date of the oral defence)
- Reprint of the most important first-author paper or pre-print published by the candidate

Eligibility criteria

- Date of the oral defence between January 1st, 2025, and September 30th, 2026 (thesis must be handed in, proof required)
- At least one first-author paper or preprint published or in press
- Proposing scientist must be a DGDR member