

14th R. Geigy Foundation Award 2026

The R. Geigy Foundation's purpose is to support the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) in its mandate to contribute research, teaching/training and services to the improvement of the health of populations at national and international levels, emphasizing those most in need.

As a part of this endeavor, the Foundation has proudly given grants to young scientists and public health specialists to enable research and research-cum-action that is important to strengthening the understanding, prevention and treatment of neglected tropical diseases, as well as improvement of health services and health systems; particularly in resources-poor settings.

The Foundation is aware that recipients of grants have also made strong personal commitments to their respective fields and have demonstrated enormous dedication to their work. Often the recipients of grants have demonstrated not only great enthusiasm for science and public/global health action, but have also accepted difficult living conditions and, sometimes even personal risk, compared to many of their peers.

Following this tradition, the R. Geigy Foundation will again select one or a team of exceptional individuals to receive the 14th R. Geigy Foundation Award. His or her peers should recognize the recipient as an outstanding achiever on tropical disease sciences or global/public health implementation and/or capacity building.

Goal

Award an individual scientist or global/public health specialist or a joint effort for their achievements in tropical disease or neglected disease sciences or global/public health implementation and capacity building combined with outstanding dedication to the field.

Award

CHF 20,000 (twenty thousand Swiss francs) – to be awarded in connection with a small scientific event in November 2026.

Nominations

Nominees should be individuals who are broadly recognized as outstanding achievers in the field of tropical diseases sciences or global/public health and who are still within the development of their scientific career. A nominee can be from a group, university, company or institute irrespective of a formal relationship with the Swiss TPH and/or the nominator.

Nominators

Senior scientists and/or global/public health specialist who are members of the Swiss TPH or members of institutions that maintained / maintain collaborations / partnerships with the Swiss TPH.

To submit nominations

Nominations that can be either in German, English or French, should contain the following:

1. Nominator's name, address, e-mail and phone number
2. Description of the outstanding achievements of the nominee and why the nominator believes that the nominee merits the award, emphasizing scientific and/or international public health achievements (max. 1-2 pages)
3. Full CV of nominee and updated list of nominee's publications and reports
4. Description of the relationship (if any) between the nominator and the nominee.
5. Affiliations, address, e-mail and telephone number of the nominee.
6. Names of two peer references for the nominee

Selection criteria

- Originality of the achievements in tropical diseases research and control and/or global/public health.
- Outstanding and dedicated individual as reflected in national and international recognition
- Consistency of dedication
- Strength of recommendation by the peers

Selection Committee

The Board of the R. Geigy Foundation makes the final decision. The Board consists of the following individuals: Prof. Dr. Jürg Utzinger (Chair), Prof. Dr. Christoph Bühler (Vice-Chair), Stefan Mörgeli, Prof. Dr. Nicole Probst-Hensch, Daniel O. A. Rüedi, Gaby Senn and Jürg Toffol. The Board may elect an advisory committee to support the Foundation in the selection of the award recipient.

Deadline

Deadline for submitting nominations: 14th August 2026.

Address for Submissions

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