



PhD Student of the Month - Criteria for selection

- Every student who

a) is enrolled at the Medical University of Vienna

I) in a Doctoral programme or

II) participates in the MDPHD Excellence Programme of the Medical University of Vienna and

b) is nominated by any other student of the Medical University of Vienna
can be selected as PhD student of the Month.

- A PhD student of the Month can but doesn't have to be selected every month. There is no legal obligation that the Postgraduate Student Representation (*Studienvertretung für Postgraduelle Studien*) has to select a PhD Student of the Month every month, regardless of the number of nominations.

- Once a student is nominated, she/he is in the pool of nominations until she/he is selected as PhD Student of the Month or she/he graduates.

- The selection of the awardee is based on a monthly vote by all directly elected postgraduate student representatives (*StudienvertreterInnen*). Usually, the selection of the awardee will be conducted shortly before the end of the respective month.

- Ideally, a consensus on the best candidate shall be sought. If no unanimous consent can be reached, a decision on the respective month's awardee is made by a majority vote of all directly elected postgraduate student representatives (*StudienvertreterInnen*). The voting can be conducted in person (e.g. in the context of an official student representation meeting) or via other media (e.g. e-mail). The exact voting result will usually not be published.

- If an active postgraduate student representative (*StudienvertreterIn*) is nominated, she/he has to abstain from voting on her/his own selection as PhD Student of the Month.

- The selection shall be based especially (but not exclusively) on the criteria and sources of information below. Every student representative is free in her/his decision which candidate fulfils the selection criteria best.

1) Information that is provided by the person who nominates the candidate in the course of the nomination

2) Internet: a) PubMed - publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals; b) search engines (e.g. google) - awards, social/voluntary commitment, any other commitment in favour of fellow students

3) Media coverage - (positive) coverage on the Medical University of Vienna homepage or other reliable media

- The choice of awardees should appropriately reflect the diversity of PhD students of the Medical University of Vienna.