**GBEP YOUTH AWARD 2022**

**Call for Papers**

# Introduction

The Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP) is an international initiative where voluntary cooperation works towards consensus amongst governments, intergovernmental organizations and other partners in the areas of the sustainability of bioenergy and its contribution to climate change mitigation. It also provides a platform for raising awareness, sharing information and examples of good practice on bioenergy.

For the purpose of increasing youth participation in the activities of GBEP and creating opportunities to highlight young people’s research on bioenergy, in 2020/2021, GBEP launched a Youth Award. The GBEP Youth Award aims to promote and encourage promising research carried out by students on bioenergy. This encompasses all aspects of bioenergy: policy, technology, sustainability – economic, social and environmental aspects, supply chain and logistics, and climate change.

The 2022 call for papers for the Youth Award will be directed specifically to students who are studying in a research institution in the Americas (including North America, Central America, the Caribbean and South America). Selected papers will be presented by the candidates and awarded with a certificate during a special session at the GBEP Bioenergy Week to be held in Paraguay in September 2022.

# Details of the call

Candidates

* Candidates should be studying at a research institution in the Americas (North America, Central America, the Caribbean and South America) and should be matriculated students at the time of entry.
* Candidates should be within the age limit (at time of entry) of 30 years old for bachelor and master students, and 35 years old for PhD students.

How to apply

* Applications should be sent via email to [GBEP-Secretariat@fao.org](mailto:GBEP-Secretariat@fao.org). The email should include three attachments, all of which will be required for the entry to be considered:
  + **Application form**: Candidates should submit their paper/research using the application form here below.
  + **Letter of recommendation** by a student’s supervisor(s) or head of department stating the name of the applicant and the institution where the research work is supervised, confirming that the applicant is an officially matriculated student.
  + A **poster** that summarises the given research. Posters can have any format but should give a visual overview of the research context, methodology, results and conclusions, and the relevance.

Selection procedure

* The GBEP Secretariat will carry out a preliminary screening of the applications to ensure eligibility.
* Papers will be evaluated anonymously by impartial external experts that include a representative from a research institution in each region: Europe, Americas, Asia and Africa. The representative from the Americas will be from an impartial institution.
* Ten successful papers will be selected. The related posters will be displayed during the GBEP Bioenergy Week, on the GBEP website and publicized through other related channels.
* The three winning candidates (one for each of the three categories: bachelor, master and PhD students) will have the opportunity to present their research during a dedicated session at the GBEP Bioenergy Week 2022.

Criteria for selection

* Proposals will first be screened to ensure that candidates meet the requirements for selection, as detailed in the section above.
* Proposals will then be evaluated based on the following criteria:

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| Criteria | Score |
| Validity of results | /5 |
| Degree of innovation | /5 |
| Relevance to external scientific/development community | /5 |
| For poster: Quality and clarity in presentation of ideas | /5 |
| Total | **/20** |

Timeline

* By Friday 6 May 2022 – Applications should be sent to [GBEP-Secretariat@fao.org](mailto:GBEP-Secretariat@fao.org). Proposals received after this date will not be accepted.
* Friday 1 July 2022 – Selection procedure is concluded and selected papers notified.
* September 2022 (date to be confirmed) – Selected proposals presented at GBEP Bioenergy Week.

# **Application Form**

## Personal Information

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| First Name |  |
| Surname |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Place of Birth |  |
| Affiliated research institution |  |

## Details of the paper

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| Title of paper/research |  |
| Level of research (e.g. Bachelor, Master, Doctorate) |  |
| Names of other researchers involved in the given research (I.e. supervisors or collaborators) |  |
| Research thematic area (e.g. policy, technology, etc.) |  |
| Brief abstract of the research (no more than 300 words) |  |
| Explanatory pages of the research (maximum 1500 words) |  |
| Any relevant links |  |

*Please ensure to attach the following documents to your application:*

* *Letter of recommendation by a student’s supervisor(s) or head of department stating the name of the applicant and the institution where the research work is supervised, confirming that the applicant is an officially matriculated student*
* *Poster with visual overview of the research*