

BioChoric Inc. Professional Development Award

The goal of this ICYR Professional Development Award is to promote collaboration, networking, and professional development of young early-career cryobiology researchers by providing them funding for professional development activities related to cryobiology, including (not limited to):

A. Travel to an institution, organization, or company for cryo purposes.

Example: an applicant is new to the field (less than 2-3 years) and wants to visit an established cryobiology lab (either in academia or industry) in order to learn a new technique, build their cryobiology network, or otherwise advance their cryo career.

B. Enrollment in a short course/workshop with application towards cryobiology.

Example: an applicant would like to learn Raman spectroscopy and will register for the Raman Revealed training workshop presented by Renishaw.

C. Travel to a conference or annual meeting such as ISBER, SLTB, etc.

This award is sponsored by BioChoric Inc. and is intended to expand and enhance the growing scientific footprint of cryobiology, and any proposed activity aligned with this goal will be considered.

We encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds (races, genders, nationalities, etc.), disciplines, and job sectors (industry, nonprofit, academia, etc.) to apply.

One Award will be given for \$500

Deadline:

April 30th, 2025

Who is eligible:

Undergraduates, Graduate students, Postdocs, Lab Technicians, Young faculty, etc...Anyone who is an ICYR "active" member.

(Active is defined as an applicant who is a current member of the Society for Cryobiology and ICYR)

Application:

- Proposal (1 page limit) - stating the intended purpose and benefit of the ICYR award to the applicant.

Submission process:

- Submit application here: <https://forms.gle/zAmTT3V2T6BnEu3N8>

Review process:

Applications will be reviewed by a committee (ICYR Leadership + a representative from the Society for Cryobiology) and evaluated on relevance, participation in ICYR events, membership

to ICYR, and relevance to the field of cryobiology. The proposal should be well-structured, clearly written, and explain how the applicant will benefit from the award.

Questions?

Email icyr2024@gmail.com

Evaluation guidelines:

A Committee of at least three members would evaluate each award application:

- 2 from ICYR leadership
- 1 representative from the Society for Cryobiology
- Each committee member will fill in the evaluation rubric related to the submitted application as listed below.

Member	Goals and Outcomes (10 points)	Clarity and Focus (10 points)	Professional Growth (30 points)	Stage of career (20 points)	Qualifications and Experience (15 points)
	1. Clearly defined goals for professional development experience. 2. Clearly articulated outcomes that can be evaluated post-completion.	1. Clear objectives and purpose of the proposed professional development activity. 2. Written Clarity- Well-organized, concise, and engaging proposal.	1. Potential for significant personal and professional growth. 2. Relevance to current developments or needs in the field.	1. Early career (undergrad, grad, post-doc, young PI) 2. New to the field of cryobiology	1. Previous experience or education related to the proposed development area. 2. Demonstrated dedication to continuous learning and improvement.
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