**GBEP YOUTH AWARD**

**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. GBEP would like to increase youth participation in its activities and create opportunities to highlight young people’s research on bioenergy. In light of this, GBEP is launching a call for papers.

The 2020 call for papers will be directed specifically to students who are studying in an African research institution. 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 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in May/June 2020.

# Details of the call

Candidates

* Candidates should be studying at an African research institution (matriculated students).
* Candidates should be within the age limit 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
* Candidates should submit their paper/research using the application form here below.
* In the application email, a short curriculum vitae should be included, as well as a 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.
* In the application email, candidates should also submit a poster that summarises the given research. Posters should be high enough resolution to be printed A2 size. They can have any format but should give a visual overview of the research context, methodology, results and conclusions, and the relevance.

Selection procedure

* The call for papers is for 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.
* Papers will be evaluated by the GBEP Secretariat, in collaboration with impartial external experts, using the selection criteria detailed below.
* Ten successful papers will be selected. The related posters will be displayed at the GBEP Bioenergy Week in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The three winning candidates (one for each of the three categories: bachelor, master and PhD students) will have the opportunity to present their research (in person or over Skype) during a dedicated session at the event.

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:
	+ Validity of results
	+ Quality and clarity in presentation of ideas
	+ Degree of innovation
	+ Relevance to external scientific/development community

Timeline

* By 15 April 2020 - Applications should be sent to GBEP-Secretariat@fao.org. Proposals received after this date will not be able to be accepted.
* By 15 May 2020 – Selection procedure is concluded and selected papers notified
* June 2020 – selected proposals presented at GBEP Bioenergy Week, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

# **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:*

* *Curriculum Vitae*
* *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*