CALL FOR PAPERS
38th National Student Research Conference
Biology Section

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1. General Information, Organizers

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The National Association for Student Research (OTDT), the Section Committee for Biology of the OTDT and the organizing University of Pécs hereby announce the Biology Section of the 38th National Student Research Conference under the conditions of the following call.

The conditions for participation and registration in the Biology Section of the 38th OTDK are set out in the General Call of the 38th OTDK and in this Call of the OTDT Biology Section Committee.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1 Who is eligible to participate

In the 38th National Student Research Conference (OTDK), **TDK papers and authors** (in the case of multi-author TDK papers, all authors) **may participate** that **meet the conditions specified in the General Call for the 38th National Student Research Conference** (details are provided in Supplement 2 of the General Call for the 38th OTDK.)

Each TDK paper can **have up to two authors.** If **a TDK paper has two authors,** it can only be presented if **both authors are registered for the 38th National Student Research Conference (OTDK)** and **both participate in the presentation** (exceptions may be made with special permission from the Section Committee.)

Study circles from cross-border universities and colleges can participate in the 38th OTDK under the same professional conditions as those in Hungary. Details are available in the General Call of the 38th OTDK.

2.2. Requirements for TDK papers and evaluation

Supplement 1 to the Section Call includes:

- the content and format requirements for TDK papers, abstracts and presentations;[1]
- rules for the acceptance and presentation of TDK papers in foreign languages;
- rules for the written and presentation evaluation.

Supplement 2 to the Section Call includes:

- the mandatory template for the Author's Contribution

Supplement 3 to the Section Call includes:

- the detailed evaluation criteria for the TDK paper:

Supplement 4 to the Section Call includes:

- the detailed evaluation criteria for the presentation.

3. Sessions, topics

3.1. Planned sessions, topics

1. Animal Physiology
2. Animal Ecology
3. Animal Anatomy
4. Biophysics and Structural Biology
5. Bioinformatics and Systems Biology
6. Biochemistry
7. Biotechnology
8. Ethology
9. Evolutionary and Theoretical Biology
10. Faunistics and Zoogeography
11. Floristics, Phytosociology, and Phytogeography
12. Genetics
13. Genomics and Molecular Diagnostics
14. Hydrobiology
15. Human Biology
16. Immunology
17. Microbiology
18. Molecular and Cell Biology
19. Neurobiology
20. Neurophysiology
21. Plant Physiology
22. Plant Ecology
23. Plant Anatomy
24. Ecotoxicology

[1] abstract = overview/excerpt/summary

25. Population genetics
26. Taxonomy, Phylogenetics
27. Conservation biology
28. Tumor Biology
29. Virology
30. Behavioral Ecology

During the application process, students must indicate which session would be the most suitable for presenting their TDK paper, as well as a second session that could also be appropriate.

3.2. Rules for the establishment of the final session assignment

The fundamental rules for the establishment of the final session assignment are included in the General Call of the 38th OTDK. The Biology Section Committee may, based on the number of TDK papers received and their topic, merge some of the planned sessions/topics or create additional ones, so that the TDK paper may be assigned to a different session than the one indicated by the author(s) during registration. The organizing institution, with the agreement of the Section Committee, reserves the right to redirect submissions with content that does not align with the Section's field of study to another session of the National Student Research Conference that is more appropriate for the topic.

The final decision on the sessions and the classification of the TDK papers will be made by the Biology Section Committee; students will be informed of the decision via the OTDT online system no later than **January 28, 2027.** Students may object to their classification **until February 4, 2027** by sending a detailed, justified letter addressed to the Chair of the Organizing Committee at the Section's e-mail address (biol@gamma.ttk.pte.hu). The student will be notified of the decision on the objection **by February 28, 2027.**

4. Application procedure:

Details of the steps of registration for participants are given in Supplement 2 of the General Call of the 38th OTDK.
Registration period for the Biology Section: **November 16, 2026 – January 8, 2027 (Wednesday), 16:00 (CET)**
After the registration deadline for students (January 8, 2027), it will no longer be possible for students to upload application documents in the OTDT online system.
In addition to the steps described in Supplement 2 of the General Call of the 38th OTDK, the "*Author Contribution"* signed by the applicant(s) and at least one supervisor must be uploaded before finalizing the registration.

5. Tasks of the TDT Chairs in relation to the 38th OTDK

Tasks of the TDT Chairs are given in Supplement 2 of the 38th OTDK General Call.

Deadline for institutional and faculty **TDT Chairs to upload documents to the OTDT online system**: **January 14, 2027,** (Thursday) **16:00** (CET). **After the deadline it will no longer be possible to upload application documents in the OTDT online system.**

We are unable to accept TDK papers that do not meet the requirements outlined in the Section Call; such applications will be rejected.

Applications submitted individually are invalid.

6. Registration fee

The registration fees for the 38th OTDK will be determined at a later stage, subject to the availability of funding.

7. The awards that can be granted at the OTDK and the Special Prize of the Session Panel

A certificate of recognition will be awarded to all authors and supervisors attended in the OTDK and presented their TDK papers. In addition, a maximum of one third of the papers presented may be awarded one of the first, second and third places per section, taking into account that a maximum of one entry per session may be awarded first place. The Section Panel may award a special prize to those papers that do not achieve ranking but are judged by the Session Panel to be worthy of recognition on the basis of their professional merit, and which are judged to be immediately behind the winning applications. The authors of the winning papers and those of the papers receiving the Special Prize of the Session Panel will each receive a certificate for the ranking or the Special Prize of the Session Panel.

The total number of winning papers and papers awarded the Special Prize of the Session Panel may not exceed 50% of the total number of papers presented in a section. Further rules on prizes are set out in Supplement 3 to the General Call.

8. Submission of Pro Scientia Gold Medal application

The authors of TDK papers that have been awarded first place at the national conference may apply for the Pro Scientia Gold Medal, provided they meet the additional criteria set out in the call. Details are given in Supplement 5 of the 38th OTDK General Call.

We invite and welcome all interested students and their masters!

Budapest, April 21, 2026

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Supplements:
Supplement 1
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