

## EMBRIO Best Paper Awards

The EMBRIO Best Paper Awards recognize peer-reviewed published journal papers in which the nominated EMBRIO graduate student, postdoc, or research scientist is first author. There will be two Award divisions: I) Graduate Student First Authors, II) Postdoc or Research Scientist First Authors.

First authors or Co-first authors must be EMBRIO members, and the paper must be at the stage of either accepted or published in a peer-reviewed journal within the period of 9/1/2021 – 4/1/2025.

Nominations can be made by the first author or by their faculty adviser(s). **Nominations with paper submissions for the competition are due by April 9th.** The top paper in each division will be announced during the EMBRIO Annual Retreat at Purdue University, June 12-13, 2025. Award winners will have the opportunity to spotlight their work with a seminar presented during the 2025-2026 academic year.

### Rules:

- Papers and Figures must be accepted or published in peer-reviewed journal between 9/1/2021 and 4/1/2025 and have acknowledged EMBRIO's NSF Award #2120200.
- First authors must be EMBRIO graduate students, postdocs, or staff research scientists.
- **Nominations with paper submission for the competition must be in by April 9<sup>th</sup>.**
- Each first author may only enter one paper.
- Each paper may only be entered one time.

### Nominations:

- Nominations must address the factors specified in the evaluation criteria below.
- **Nomination submission:** [https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0GUgolkEbJKjm2W](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0GUgolkEbJKjm2W)

### Evaluation:

- Each paper will be ranked by a selected committee according to a rubric with metrics of:
  - Impact and innovation
  - Originality and novelty
  - Selectivity of venue and peer review comments
  - Degree of Integration with EMBRIO authors
- The score will be the sum of the ranks (1 being best rank). The lowest average ranked papers will win. Ties will be decided by committee vote.

**Award:** Community-wide and public recognition! The award will be non-monetary – we are restricted on use of our NSF funding in this regard. We'll promote the winners through our social media, website, and news channels, highlighting the winners' research, mentor labs and collaborations with EMBRIO labs that led to the manuscript being produced. Award winners will have the opportunity to spotlight their work with a seminar presented during the 2025-2026 academic year.