



Invitation to the Student Biological Data Competition by First Approval

We are pleased to invite students to participate in the **First Approval Student Biological Data Competition**, a unique initiative aimed at encouraging the next generation of scientists to publish high-quality data in biology, biotechnology, and biomedicine. This first-of-its-kind competition directly evaluates the quality of scientific datasets and their annotation, aiming to promote Open Data practices among students.

Key Benefits

- **Prize Pool of \$7500**
Will be distributed among **32 winners**.
- **Early Publication Experience**
All participants will receive a **first-authored Open Access data publication with a DOI**.
- **Open Science Focus**
Both original data and negative or replicated experiments are welcome.

Who Can Join

- Undergraduate, Graduate, and PhD students in biology, biotechnology, or biomedicine. Recent graduates (within 12 months of graduation) are also eligible.

Eligible fields of Research

Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Genetics, Cell Biology and Histology, Physiology, Biophysics, Neuroscience, Embryology, Biomedical Research, Biotechnology, Omics Technologies, Behavioral Science, Aging, Zoology and Entomology, Botany, Virology and Parasitology, Ecology

Submission Guidelines

- Submit a dataset with annotation on the First Approval platform.
- **Early Deadline:** 15 September 2025
- **Regular Deadline:** 15 October 2025
- **Submission Cost:** Free.
- **Requirement:** Upload a signed letter from your academic supervisor.

Judging & Recognition

- A panel of established scientists will evaluate datasets based on their completeness, accuracy, and potential for reuse.

The competition is organized in collaboration with Open Longevity, a US nonprofit organization dedicated to accelerating aging research.

We encourage you to share this invitation with your students. If you have any questions, please contact us at competition@firstapproval.io.

We look forward to seeing your students' innovative datasets and contributions to the scientific community!

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the First Approval Student Biological Data Competition

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