

METTLER TOLEDO Innovator Award aims to reward academic researchers demonstrating excellence & innovation in solving a research problem, offering a more sustainable solution as an outcome of their research and providing them with a platform to present their research to a wider audience, through Mettler-Toledo and external channels[#].

We are inviting applications from scientists from a broad spectrum of research fields* pivotal in sustainable development [aligned with one or more UN Sustainable development goals](#):

e.g., Advanced Materials

Environmental/ Green Chemistry

Personalized Medicine & novel therapies

Food Innovation

Renewable Energy Sources & Storage

mRNA therapies

*Research fields are not restricted to the above listed examples but should generally demonstrate alignment with the [UN Sustainable development goals](#).

Participation Rules (the Rules)

Participation in this contest (referred to as the “Contest”) is subject to these Rules, and eligible Contest participants agree to be bound by them when entering this Contest. The terms “we,” “our,” and “us” refer to Mettler-Toledo Technologies GmbH, Im Langacher 44, 8606 Greifensee (referred to below as “MT”). The terms “you,” “yourself”, “their” refer to the eligible Contest participant (applicant).

1. Applicant** Eligibility and Submission of Applications:

- Applicant must be affiliated with a degree-granting academic or a non-profit research institution
- Applicant can be a student (undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate, doctoral) or a researcher
- Applicant must demonstrate cutting-edge innovation in solving a research problem and present a solution offering a more sustainable solution according to one or more UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- In order to participate in this Contest, submit the duly completed registration form available [here](#)
- The language of the application is English.
- You must submit a research abstract (200-300 words), describing your research and highlighting innovations that offer a more sustainable solution, with all the requested contact details. The application must be received by MT by **March 31st, 2026**.
- Only information that is **non-confidential** should be submitted for the research abstract. e.g., Published work in a peer-reviewed journal or conference within the last 3 years. A reference link or DOI to a peer-reviewed publication, non-peer-reviewed pre-prints, or a

published conference paper that elaborates on research work described in the abstract must be provided in the stipulated field in the application form.

- Please note that if your work is unpublished, MT cannot take responsibility for the security or confidentiality of the data submitted through the application form. We recommend carefully considering the sensitivity of your data before submitting unpublished work.
- By submitting your registration, you confirm to be authorized to provide all information in the registration form.
- Responsibility cannot be accepted for registrations that are incomplete, delayed, or not received.
- There is no purchase required in order to participate in the Contest.
- Winners will be selected by a review committee consisting of 4 internal MT employees and an external independent researcher affiliated with a university.

**** Only applicants residing in the following countries are eligible to apply:**

China, Taiwan, Kazakhstan, Australia, South Korea, New Zealand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, India, Canada, United States, Brazil, Mexico, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Czech Republic, Hungary, Croatia, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Netherlands, France, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and United Kingdom.

The recipients of the METTLER TOLEDO Innovator Award will be announced on **May 2nd, 2026** from the duly completed applications received by MT within the deadline.

All duly submitted registrations will be ranked according to the following criteria: Demonstrating excellence & innovation in solving a research problem and offering a more sustainable solution ([aligned with one or more UN Sustainable development goals.](#)) impact on society, appropriateness and ethics of methods, novel use of laboratory instrumentation for sample preparation and analysis demonstrating precision, reliability and efficiency through the experimental approach.

The selection is final. No correspondence will be entered into. Legal action is excluded.

2. Award/ Prize

Nature of the Prize:

The prize consists of a discount voucher with a value of \$20K (USD) for purchase of Laboratory Instruments, Accessories & Services from MT's portfolio available in the country from which the application is being received (applicants' residence)

We will award the two most promising applications (2x \$ 20'000 (USD))

Announcement:

The recipients of the MT Innovator Award will be announced on **May 2nd, 2026** on [mt.com](https://www.mt.com), and the winners will be notified by e-mail.

In addition, the winners and their research work will be featured in promotional campaigns on MT's webpage www.mt.com and other channels.[#]

Redemption and Transferability:

The voucher is non-transferable; there is no cash alternative in whole or in part. Winners are responsible for the payment of all charges or taxes related to the receipt or use of the prizes.

The Voucher may be redeemed in full or in part against eligible Laboratory products and/or services offered by MT. No minimum purchase is required for redemption.

The Voucher is not redeemable for resale or exchange and cannot be combined with other offers in whole or in part.

Validity:

The voucher has a limited validity of one year and can only be redeemed within one year of the issuing date on the voucher, subject to the availability of products and services to which it applies.

Lost or Stolen Vouchers:

MT is not responsible for lost, stolen, damaged, or unauthorized use of the Voucher.

By participating in this Contest and to the extent permitted by law, each participant and winner waives any and all claims of liability against MT, its employees and agents, for any direct or indirect losses or damages arising out of or in connection with the participant's entry, its use by MT, this Contest or from the use of any prize.

Participant herewith agrees to indemnify MT, including its affiliates, employees, and agents, and hold it harmless from and against all losses, claims, damages, expenses, or other liabilities whatsoever which may occur to MT as a direct consequence of the registration for the Contest by the participant, or any of its employees, agents, or representatives. In the event of circumstances arising outside of its control, MT reserves the right to cancel or change the Contest at any stage, including but not limited to the closing date.

3. # Publications and Promotion - MT reserves the exclusive right to make any press release or any kind of public communication about the Contest. Each participant submitting an entry grants MT the right to use the entry, its content, interview, video and/or picture recordings, etc. involving the winners and their research work for internal and commercial purposes in connection with the Contest (i.e., for marketing or sales campaigns, on MT website, MT's own media such as print media, webinars, newsletters, scientific publications like, guides, white papers, application notes, brochures and social media channels of MT e.g., promotion via a LinkedIn Post and Instagram Post/Story, exhibitions, trade shows with MT Participation, internal sales channels of MT and the internet or other media like television, trade, business and general press, other future third-party promotional campaigns etc.). MT may also use the entries and its

content for presentation and events in connection with the Contest in whole or in part and may publish worldwide and without restriction as to time and may create derivative works. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing does not limit participants' rights in any way to use the content of their entry in other contexts, independent of the Contest.

4. Data Privacy - Participants agree that all data, especially name and address, may be processed, stored and otherwise used for the purposes of and within the context of the Contest.

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If you grant us consent by submitting your information for this Contest, you allow us to contact you regarding our product or service offerings and/or updates. You may withdraw such consent at any time, without naming grounds or creating influence on your chance of winning in the Contest. For more information, see www.mt.com/privacypolicy.

5. Miscellaneous - Employees of MT and such employees' immediate family members are excluded from this Contest. Participants bear the sole responsibility for abiding to all regulations they are subject to, including but not limited to procurement regulations and internal company guidelines of their employers or affiliated institutions.

Participation in this Contest is subject to these Rules, and participants agree to be bound by them when entering this Contest. This Contest is void where prohibited by law. This Contest and Rules are exclusively governed by the laws of Switzerland. Exclusive venue for any disputes that may arise under or in relation to this Contest shall be the courts of the Canton Zurich.