

# Information and terms and conditions for the LIFE Science Innovation Award and the LIFE Cooperative

The LIFE Science Innovation Award is presented to the **most impactful innovation in the life sciences and health sector**, with a clear origin in the **Northern Netherlands**.

## Nominate

Nominations for the Innovation Award can be submitted until 29 June 2026.

- Nominations must be submitted using the official [nomination form](#).
- Both self-nominations and nominations by third parties are permitted.

## Terms and conditions

The innovation must be in line with the following conditions:

- The innovation has a clear focus on life sciences and health (including medtech).
- The innovation has a footprint in 2025 or 2026 (origin or outcome). This means that a recent breakthrough or milestone must have been achieved.
- It concerns a new and innovative product or service on the market or in the pre-launch phase.
- The innovation contributes to one or more of the following indicators:
  - (Potential) societal impact
  - Innovativeness
  - Scalability and business potential
  - Responding to an unmet medical need

The indicators above are also criteria that the jury will take into consideration. Ultimately, the quality of the pitch will be the determining factor.

## Location criteria

The company, organisation or project is based in, or the innovation has been implemented in, the province of Friesland, Groningen or Drenthe.

## Additional requirements

- Nominees must attend the LIFE Science Conference on 22 September 2026.
- Form: all sections of the form must be completed
- Size: there are no requirements regarding the size or age of the organisation.

## **Selection and announcement**

- After the closing date (29 June 2026), the board of the LIFE Cooperative will assess the entries and select the nominees.
- Between 3 and a maximum of 5 nominees will be selected from the submitted entries
- The nominees will be announced on 25 August 2026

## **The award**

- On 22 September 2026, the nominees will be present to pitch their ideas
- On 22 September 2026, the winner of the 2026 Innovation Award will be announced by an independent jury.
- The Innovation Award consists of a cheque for €10,000.

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