

INTERDEM Academy Annual publication award 2025-2026

Rules and regulations:

- Participation is open to early-stage researchers who are members of INTERDEM Academy. We define early-stage researchers for this competition as **current PhD students, post-docs or other positions**, who are at a **maximum of 3 years after receiving their degree** (please provide us with the date of approval of PhD, if applicable). - *We are happy to take career gaps/other circumstances into account; an exception to this criterium can be discussed with and granted by the INTERDEM Academy executive office.*
- Only **one article** of which the early-stage researcher is **the first author** can be sent in.
- Articles should be published or accepted for publication in the year prior to the call (*January 2025 until December 2025*). If it concerns a not yet published article, **proof** regarding the **acceptance by the journal** should be sent with.
- Along with the manuscript, a **motivation letter of 500 words** maximum, arguing how this article is in **line with the INTERDEM mission**, needs to be submitted. We ask you to include **some specification on your individual role** in the creation and realization of the article (e.g., research idea, execution, writing process, follow-up, and dissemination). **This motivation letter will strongly guide the final judging.**
- Please note that the following criteria will be taken into consideration by our jury, when reviewing your article and letter:
 - Originality of your presented work/innovational aspects
 - Involvement of PwD and their supporters
 - Relevance/potential impact on PwD and their supporters
 - Theoretical importance
 - Adequate methodology and statistics
 - Topic in line with INTERDEM mission

(for emphasized INTERDEM research topics, see for instance the 2019 INTERDEM manifesto)
- The articles will be independently reviewed by a jury (*INTERDEM and Academy members from different centers*). Based on detailed jury assessments according to the criteria mentioned above and a review of the motivation letter, a top three will be selected, from which a winner will be chosen and two runner ups. The **top three**

will be asked to provide a **blog** (in English) about their article, to be published on the INTERDEM website.

- The **winner** will receive a **€500, - prize**. This money is meant for a course/conference/training to support career development. After allocation, a plan needs to be proposed and approved by the Academy executive center. Reimbursement will be based on declaration of actual costs.
- The **top three** will be invited to **attend the annual INTERDEM business meeting** (reserved spot), prior to the next annual Alzheimer Europe Conference (27-29 October, Dublin, Ireland), which will include a short award ceremony. The **winner** will be invited to **present their article here** to the INTERDEM audience.

Timeline 2025-2026	
March 24, 2026	Call for articles 2025/2026 announced
April 21, 2026	Deadline for submission (6pm CET)
July 2026	The winner and the two runners-up will be informed via email
Presumably 27th of October 2026	Award ceremony for the top 3. Presentation of the winning article Annual INTERDEM meeting prior to the next annual Alzheimer Europe Conference (Dublin, Ireland, 27-29 October)