



EFSUN BEST PAPER AWARD COMPETITION

Application deadline: 13 August 2024

Competition date: 21 August 2024

The Center of Excellence for Functional Surfaces and Interfaces (EFSUN) is pleased to announce the Best Paper Award to recognize the scientific paper of outstanding young scientists on Functional Surfaces and Interfaces published within the last 3 years (between 2021-2024).

The instructions are stated as follows:

1. The topic of the paper must be related to Functional Surfaces and Interfaces.
2. The paper must be published in a journal, which is in the Q1 Quartile of its category according to Scimago Journal & Country Rank or top 10 percentile according to Incites Journal Citation Reports:
 - <https://www.scimagojr.com/>
 - <https://clarivate.com/products/web-of-science/>
3. The candidate must be either the corresponding author or the first author of the paper.
4. The competition is open to all national and international young researchers (No more than 4 years after Ph.D. graduation date).
5. The papers will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary committee, which will be formed by the Executive Board of EFSUN.
6. The deadline of the submission is on **13 August 2024**.
7. The candidates must submit a soft copy of their paper and the application form including a brief summary no longer than 2 pages, documentation of international ranking of the journal in the respective field, the impact-factor of the journal and citations to that the study received, a CV of the candidate and 1 reference letter (from the Ph.D. or Post Doc advisor) supporting the candidacy. The application package should be sent to Prof. Emre Erdem (emre.erdem@sabanciuniv.edu).

8. Finalists will be determined by the Evaluation Committee according to originality, significance and rigour of the paper, international ranking of the journal in the respective field, the IF of the journal and citations to that the study received.
9. The finalists will be presenting their papers in the Functional Surfaces and Interfaces Webinar by EFSUN, which will be organized on 21 August 2024
10. After the presentations, the Program Committee will select the winners: 1. Prize- 20.000 ₺ 2. Prize- 10.000 ₺ 3. Prize- 5.000 ₺.
11. The award ceremony will take place at the end of the Functional Surfaces and Interfaces . Webinar and in social media such as LinkedIn and Instagram.