

# Lab Rotation Program 2026 - Call Guidelines

## Objectives

The **Lab Rotation Program (LRP)** of BioTechMed-Graz enables students with a master's degree or a diploma MD to:

- work with research teams in laboratories/research groups of **BioTechMed-Graz full members\***
- broaden their scientific interests beyond the focus of their previous academic work (particularly beyond the topic of their master's thesis) before deciding on applications for specific doctoral programs

## Stipend duration & funding

- Four months
- Funding: EUR 12,000
  - EUR 8,000 for personal use
  - EUR 4,000 for host institution (e.g., consumables/other goods or services)
- Lab Rotations must start between October 2026 and January 2027 at the latest

## Requirements

- Open for **national** and **international** students
- Applicants **must hold a master's degree in research fields related to BioTechMed-Graz** (e.g., natural or life sciences, medical sciences, computational sciences).
- Applicants who have not officially finished their master's studies at the time of application are also eligible to apply. Proof of completion of the master's degree must be provided before the start of the Lab Rotation, **at the latest by December 15, 2026**
- The conducted research during the Lab Rotation must be sufficiently different from the topic of the master's thesis (confirmation through mentor's signature on the application form)
- Applicants may apply **only for one** Lab Rotation
- Applicants must be registered as a **BioTechMed-Graz associate member\*\***
- **Each BioTechMed-Graz full member\* can only be a Lab Rotation mentor for one Lab Rotation awardee.** This means that only one application per Lab Rotation mentor can be filed.

\*The list of BioTechMed-Graz full members is available in the member section of our website: <https://biotechmedgraz.at/en/member-section-1/>

\*\*Registration for BioTechMed-Graz membership: <https://biotechmedgraz.at/en/member-section-1/registration/>

## Applications (single pdf) must include:

- [Application form](#) provided by BioTechMed-Graz including
- Thematic outline and goals of the planned research during the Lab Rotation + personal motivation statement for the Lab Rotation (maximum total length 1 page)
- Signature of the potential mentor
- CV and publication list (if available) (maximum total length 2 pages)
- Reference letter from past supervisor or collaborator (max. 1 page)
- Title and (preliminary) abstract of the master's thesis, name of supervisor (and co-supervisor/s)
- Certificate of a relevant master's degree and (latest) transcript of records of the master's program (If not yet available at the time of application, the Master's certificate must be submitted by December 15, 2026 at the latest)

## Evaluation process

Following the formal examination, the Board of Directors of BioTechMed-Graz will nominate an Evaluation Committee consisting of up to 12 BioTechMed-Graz members.

The selection of Lab Rotation awardees is based on the following criteria (with weighted percentages):

- **Thematic outline** and **goals** of the Lab Rotation (30%)
- **Personal motivation** for the Lab Rotation (30%)
- **CV** (and publication list), **academic record**, **internships**, **Master's thesis** (20%)
- **Reference letter** from past supervisor or collaborator (20%)

In order to be funded, applications must receive excellent evaluations. The Board of Directors, in consultation with the Executive Committee, will make the final funding decision based on the Evaluation Committee's recommendation.

## Organization process

- The host universities will arrange individual stipend agreements with their respective awardees. The Lab Rotation fellow agrees not to enter into or maintain an employment relationship with any BioTechMed-Graz partner university, including the host university of the Lab Rotation during the period of the Lab Rotation
- BioTechMed-Graz will offer the EUR 8,000 stipend for personal use in two payments:
  - The first EUR 4,000 after signing the stipend agreement
  - The second EUR 4,000 after the submission and approval of the final report
- The Lab Rotation awardee is required to submit a short final report about his/her scientific activities during the rotation. The report must be signed by the Lab Rotation

mentor and submitted at the end of the fourth month of the Lab Rotation. It should be composed of:

- Summary
- Introduction
- Methods
- Results
- Future perspectives

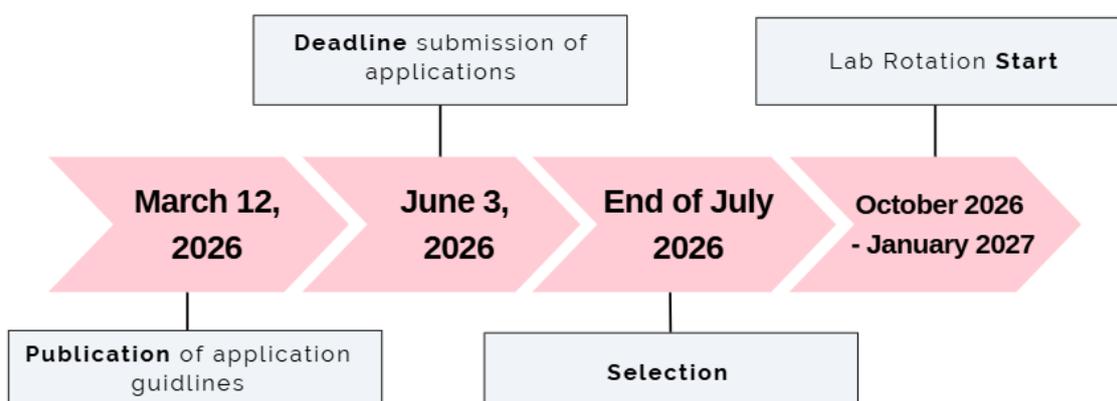
### Steps to Apply

1. Please **register** as an associated member of BioTechMed-Graz through our [website](#). In the member section, you will find a [list of full members](#) who may serve as potential mentors.
2. Identify and contact a **BioTechMed-Graz full member** who agrees to act as your mentor during the Lab Rotation.
3. Submit your complete application in accordance with the call for applications, including all required documentation.

For further information and frequently asked questions, please visit our [FAQ page](#) (in the member section of our website) or contact the BioTechMed-Graz coordination office:

- labrotation@biotechmedgraz.at
- Sophie Riesinger, MA: +43(0)316/380-5020 or Mag. Katrin Stühlinger +43(0)316 380-5028

### Timeline



### Submission of applications

Complete applications must be submitted **electronically** as a single PDF before **Wednesday, June 3, 2026** to [labrotation@biotechmedgraz.at](mailto:labrotation@biotechmedgraz.at).