

BIGSSS Best Paper Award 2021

The BIGSSS Best Paper Award honors the author(s) of an exceptional paper either published in a scholarly journal, or presented at conferences, workshops, and summer schools. Papers do not have to be accepted or published yet but academic visibility either by submission to a scholarly journal or presentation in the above mentioned forms must be given. Papers have to be identifiable as coming from BIGSSS, meaning that BIGSSS has to be mentioned as institutional affiliation.

All current doctoral fellows or recent alumni (those who defend/ed in 2020), regular, affiliated, and adjunct, are eligible to apply for the award.

The prize will be awarded in two categories: *single-authored* and *co-authored* papers. For the second category, co-authorship with doctoral fellows, postdocs and faculty members from BIGSSS or other institutions is possible, with a BIGSSS doctoral fellow as first author. Submission is restricted to one paper per doctoral fellow, per category, per year. Taken together, title or cover page, abstract, text, references, tables, and figures, and any appendices must not exceed 10.000 words. Papers exceeding this word limit will not be considered.

All papers meeting the above mentioned criteria and submitted until December 31st, 2020 will be accepted for selection. Please submit your paper with a brief cover letter (with information about the publication history of the paper and in case of co-author papers about the role of the applicant in the production of the article) to the following address: Bestpaper@bigsss-bremen.de.

The selection committee consists of six members, one faculty member per core discipline, one doctoral fellow or postdoctoral fellow per discipline (fellow representatives nominate fellow members of the jury, fellows who submit a paper cannot be part of the jury). Judging shall be based on general quality and originality of the work; specific criteria by which papers are to be evaluated are defined by the selection committee.

The BIGSSS Best Paper Award is presented at a BIGSSS event (typically Meeting of Members) and endowed with 500 EUR per category.