



Fem Innovation Award – Call for nominations

Fem Innovation Award **appreciating methodological developments** **of female or non-binary CRC 1487 PhD candidates**

The CRC 1487 likes to strengthen the visibility of female or non-binary CRC 1487 PhD candidates with research activities based on methodological developments important in the context of the CRC 1487. This prize recognizes the best publication in the field of methodological developments, either from experiment or theory. The prize consists of a certificate and a payment.

Criteria:

The publication should be an accepted first author paper (might also be the PhD thesis which is published) and show a methodological development with relevance for the CRC. It should have been published/accepted within the last two years (deadline for acceptance letter 01.09.2026). In case of a joint first authorship, the nominated person's contribution should be highlighted.

Scope of the CRC 1487:

Iron is a versatile, ubiquitous, cheap and sustainable transition metal with unique properties and high reactivity. Changes in the local environment modulate the intrinsic properties. In most environments, a broad variety of oxidation and spin states is easily accessible. On one hand, this can result in unfavourable or undesirable properties, on the other hand a change in the environment can be used to improve the reactivity in a targeted manner. The CRC Iron, upgraded! aims at manipulating iron's environment in such a way that it becomes a selective, versatile and valuable substitute for rare, toxic or critical metals. To achieve this, comprehensive characterization is necessary, which requires new methodological developments. Further information: <https://www.chemie.tu-darmstadt.de/iron-upgraded/index.en.jsp>

Nomination:

Either by self-nomination or by the supervisor/PI.

Application documents:

- Letter of nomination (nominee, publication including (title and year, reason for nomination) – max. 1 page
- In case of self-nomination: Letter of support or expert report on the publication – max. 1 page

Deadline and process:

Please hand in the application documents latest until 01.09.2026. An evaluation panel will decide on the best first author publication. The award ceremony will take place during the General Assembly (30.09.-02.10.2026).