*Application for the PhD Thesis Presentation Contest 2025*

**Application closing date is Thursday, 1 May, 2025**

We invite applications from PhD/MD students carrying out their research in any subject, from one or more following groups:

* Ukrainian PhD students carrying out their research outside of Ukraine (incl. exchange PhD students);
* PhD students, regardless of nationality, who are involved in a collaborative (e.g. German-Ukrainian or other bi- or multi-lateral, including Ukraine) research project;
* PhD students, regardless of nationality, whose topic of research relates to Ukraine.

**Please note**: only those PhD students whose PhD defense/viva is planned after the PhD Contest Final date (**1. October 2025**) can be considered (i.e., candidates who have already defended, or submitted their thesis, or are expected to defend their PhD thesis before the PhD Contest Final **are as a rule not eligible** to apply).

*If you have questions or any doubts about your eligibility, please contact us at info@ukrainet.eu.*

Apply by following these four steps:

1. fill in this application form and

2. enclose your CV (preferably as a single pdf document named “Your Surname”);

3. fill in and sign a separate Consent Form (available here: http://ukrainet.eu/phd-contest/)

4. and send your application to the following e-mail: [phd-contest@ukrainet.eu](mailto:phd-contest@ukrainet.eu)

The Final will be carried out on Wednesday, **1. October 2025 in Bayreuth**, Germany within the framework of the **Days of Ukraine in Bavaria (1. – 2. October 2025)**, accompanied by the Annual Meeting of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society (die Deutsch-Ukrainische Akademische Gesellschaft e.V., DUAG). The PhD Contest judging panel will consist of researchers involved in international cooperation with partners in Ukraine, appointed by the board of the Society. The finalists will be invited to give a short 5-minute presentation about their research. Please read carefully the instructions in the [FAQs](https://ukrainet.eu/phd-contest/).

*Please note: We are currently planning our meeting, including the PhD Contest Final, in the presence-format. The finalists will be informed accordingly (we expect to be able to take this decision by the end of July).*

**Organiser**: [**German-Ukrainian Academic Society (DUAG)/** **The UKRAINE Network**](http://www.ukrainet.eu)(ukrainet.eu)

**Supporters**: **Nomad Bioscience GmbH** and the **Embassy of Ukraine in Germany**

**Contact**: Head of the PhD Contest Organisation Committee Nataliya Butych/DUAG (for any enquiries e-mail to info@ukrainet.eu)

***Application Form***

**1. PERSONAL DATA:**

SURNAME: NAME:

YEAR of BIRTH: PLACE of BIRTH:

**2. CONTACT DATA:**

CONTACT E-MAIL: CONTACT PHONE:

**3. CURRENT AFFILIATION and INFORMATION ON YOUR PhD PROJECT:**

Name of the university/research institute:

City: Country:

* Name of the PhD program (if applicable):
* Name of your PhD supervisor(s):
* When did you start your PhD training (month/year)?
* Are you a Ukrainian PhD student carrying out your PhD research abroad? (yes/no)
* Do you work on a collaborative bi-lateral (e.g. German-Ukrainian) or multi-lateral (including Ukraine) research project? (yes/ no, if yes - please provide some brief details)
* Does your PhD thesis topic relate to Ukraine? (yes/no, if yes - please provide some details)

**4. PREVIOUS EDUCATION**

Highest degree (e.g. M.Sc. or M.A.)/ Year:

University/ Research institute/ Department:

City: Country:

**5. PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND YOUR MOTIVATION TO PURSUE PhD RESEARCH (1 page max.):**

**6. YOUR PhD RESEARCH IS IN THE FOLLOWING AREA** (*please delete irrelevant options from the list below*):

* Exact and Natural Sciences, incl. Engineering
* Life Sciences/ Medicine
* Social Sciences/ Arts & Humanities
* Interdisciplinary or other (please specify)

Please specify the research subject:

**7. (Tentative) Title of your PhD Thesis:**

**8. PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT ON YOUR RESEARCH RESULTS OBTAINED SO FAR AND WHY YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT IS IMPORTANT (1 page max.)**

**9. WHAT LANGUAGE WOULD YOU PREFER TO USE FOR YOUR PRESENTATION, IF INVITED?**

*This is not a selection criterion, you can choose from English (preferred), German or Ukrainian.*

**10. HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS PHD CONTEST?**