

WINE GRADUATES' FORUM FOR BA/MA/PHD STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS FOR GRADUATES OF THE GESELLEN- AND MEISTERPRÜFUNG AT THE 65TH INTERNATIONAL DWV-CONGRESS

Dear Young Wine Professional,

On behalf of the German Winegrowers' Association (DWV) it is our pleasure to announce the 3rd Wine Graduates' Forum, which will be held on 3rd December 2025 in Mainz.

The Wine Graduates' Forum is a satellite meeting of the 65th International DWV-Congress. The objective of the Wine Graduates' Forum is to promote innovation and developmental activities among students, researchers, and practitioners in the wine industry. A new feature is that those who have completed the Gesellen- or Meisterprüfung in one of the areas of viticulture can also apply!

These young professionals and scientists present their project results in flash presentations and the audience of the congress will vote live for the best presentations in the 3 thematic clusters. The winners will be honoured with prize money of 250 €, sponsored by the DWV. The event will culminate in a social mixer allowing to network and exchange information with colleagues, peers and wine professionals.

We invite you to submit your application through the Call for Abstracts.

Accepted presenters are asked to emphasize the essentials of their ongoing or finished work in a **3+2 talk** (3 minutes presentation with 3 slides + 2 minutes follow-up questions from the Committee, s. below).

The Wine Graduates' Forum is clustered into three sessions:

- Viticulture: Climate Change, Sustainability, New Technologies, Biodiversity, Grapevine Breeding
- Oenology: Innovations in Grape Processing, Microbiology, and Winemaking; Analytics, Sensory, Data Processing Methods
- Strategic Marketing and Management

Why you should take part in the Wine Graduates' Forum:

1. The best presentation of each thematic cluster will be awarded with 250 € by the DWV.

2. You will have the unique opportunity to present your work to the who's who of the national and international wine industry and make valuable contacts.
3. Winners will have the opportunity to publish their results in the DWV's official journal (der deutsche weinbau – ddw).
4. Accepted presenters are financially supported by the DWV to attend all sessions of the 65th International DWV-Congress from 1st to 3rd December 2025 by covering the congress registration fee.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Committee welcomes submissions from Graduates of the Gesellen- and Meisterprüfung, Bachelor and Master Students, PhD, PostDocs, and other young professionals who are conducting or who have conducted (less than two years ago) scientific work in course of graduation in wine science.

Please apply by using the “Abstract Submission Form” online (www.dwv-kongress.de). The Abstract Submission Form guides you through the application process asking for your name, title, degree, etc. A questionnaire must be completed. By answering, please point out the importance of your work for a broad audience. The individual answers should not exceed 500 characters (incl. spaces).

- What is the objective of your research? (*500 characters max.*)
- Which methods are applied? (*500 characters max.*)
- How does your research contribute to wine science, wine industry or society? (*500 characters max.*)

The submission deadline for Call for Abstracts is **20th June 2025**. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Committee and results of the decision will be communicated no later than **11th August 2025**.

TLDR; ABOUT THE 3rd WINE GRADUATES' FORUM

- 3rd December 2025
- 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Kurfürstliches Schloss, Mainz, Germany
- The attendance fee is free, but registration is required (via www.dwv-kongress.de, Ticket sales are expected to start in June.)
- Wine Graduates' Forum will be conducted in English!
- 3x 250 € Prize

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