

# 2026 VALORIZATION AWARD

📅 11 June 2026, 16:00-19:30

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### Application Guidelines

#### About the Event

The *Valorisation Award 2026* showcases innovative projects led by researchers and staff from UNIL and CHUV. The competition aims to highlight high-potential initiatives that translate research into real-world impact, whether through entrepreneurship, technology transfer, or improvements in everyday practices.

#### 1. Eligibility

You are eligible to apply if:

- You are a researcher or staff member at UNIL or CHUV.
- You are involved in an innovative project related to applied research, entrepreneurship, or the improvement of everyday practices.
- You submit the “*Valorisation Award 2026 - Application*” **by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.

#### 2. Evaluation Criteria

Projects will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- **Innovation**  
Your idea should be original and demonstrate a clear advancement over existing approaches. Projects may be ongoing but should not yet be fully developed or finalized.
- **Impact**  
Your project should generate meaningful benefits for society, the environment, healthcare, or sectors beyond academia. Feedback from the potential final users is particularly appreciated.
- **Feasibility**  
The project should be realistic in terms of scope, timeline, and available resources. Prototypes or proof-of-concept data are considered strong assets.
- **Viability**  
The project should demonstrate potential for long-term sustainability (e.g., through commercialization, partnerships, or public funding).

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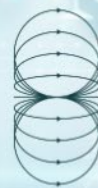


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### 3. Selection Process

- **Application**

Submit your application by completing the form “*Valorisation Award 2026 - Application*”.

- **Pre-selection**

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to prepare a pitch presentation (maximum 7 slides excluding – by excluding the title slide and the acknowledgement slide -), covering:

1. The problem you aim to solve
2. The project’s impact (feedback from target users and scale)
3. Your proposed solution and intellectual property
4. How you plan to translate your results into a product or service
5. A brief competitive landscape analysis
6. Your strategy to reach users and ensure long-term viability
7. What your project needs (investment, additional team members, etc.)

- **Final Pitch**

Selected candidates will present their project live during the event. A jury of experts will evaluate and select the winning projects.

### 4. Awards

- **First Prize: CHF 3,000 to support the further development of your project**
- **In kind Prizes:** Additional awards will be granted to recognize and encourage promising entrepreneurial projects

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