

Seven-Member Jury for Karger's Sixth Annual Vesalius Innovation Award Set

Early-stage startups in health sciences & publishing compete for the shortlist this fall. The jury has begun the task of selecting the most promising contenders

BASEL, SWITZERLAND, August 19, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The jury members of the [Vesalius Innovation Award](#), now in its sixth year, have been announced. A total of \$25,000 in prizes will be granted to the top applicants. The award winner will receive \$15,000, while the two runners-up will be awarded \$5,000 each.

This year's jury members are Professor

Dr. med., Dr. med. h.c. Dan Atar, Professor of Cardiology and Head of Research, Dept. of Medicine, Oslo University Hospital; Jignesh Bhate, Founder & CEO, Molecular Connections; Stephanie Dawson, CEO, ScienceOpen; Dr. Phill Jones, Co-founder, Digital and Technology, MoreBrains Cooperative and Hylke Koers, CIO STM, and Daniel Ebnetter, CEO, Karger Publishers. Kate Gardner, Co-founder, scientifyRESEARCH and 2022 VIA runner-up, continues her second year as a jury member.

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Members of the VIA Award 2025 jury, representing diverse expertise across the selection committee

"Going into its sixth year, the Vesalius Innovation Award has become a well-established, prominent prize in the scientific community," says Stephanie Dawson, CEO at ScienceOpen and VIA jury member. "I am delighted to be a part of history in the making as we honor those innovators who design cutting-edge solutions to support the

The competition this year will focus on the responsible use of [artificial intelligence](#), [research integrity](#), and sustainable knowledge transfer. After the jury's evaluation, the top five shortlisted

startups will be invited to present their ideas at the STM Week in London on December 9th at BMA House, an excellent opportunity for the contestants to showcase their innovations to a wider audience and gain valuable exposure.



About the Vesalius Innovation Award

Now in its 6th year, the Vesalius Innovation Award has been presented in collaboration with the STM Association since its inception, and the organizers are grateful for the continued support of their sponsors.

The Vesalius Innovation Award, whose name originates from the Renaissance rebel and pioneer of modern anatomy Andreas Vesalius, is an excellent opportunity for startups in the health sciences and publishing sectors to gain recognition and support for their innovative ideas. Karger encourages all eligible startups to apply and wishes them the best of luck in the competition.

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