



BIOSOL2026: Rules & Guidelines

By submitting an entry to BIOSOL2026, all participants agree to comply with the following rules and guidelines. Any violation may result in disqualification at the sole discretion of the organizers.

1. Eligibility

To participate in BIOSOL2026, you must meet the following criteria:

a) Student status: You must be either:

- A current undergraduate student enrolled in a bachelor's degree programme, or
- A recent graduate who completed a bachelor's degree within one year of the submission deadline (i.e., with an official graduation date on or after 30 September 2025).

Master's and PhD students are not eligible to participate, even if they completed an eligible bachelor's degree on or after 30 September 2025 and are therefore within the one-year graduation window.

A participant whose qualifying graduation date falls within the one-year window is eligible only if that date refers to a bachelor's degree; a master's degree completed within this period does not confer eligibility.

Official graduation date: Eligibility is determined solely by the official graduation date recorded or issued by the participant's university.

If a student has completed all bachelor's coursework but the degree has not yet been formally conferred because of pending requirements, only the university's official graduation date will be considered. If that date is on or after 30 September 2025, the participant is eligible; if it is before 30 September 2025, the participant is not eligible.

Proof of eligibility: Current bachelor's students must provide documentation confirming their current enrolment in a bachelor's degree programme (e.g., official transcript, enrolment certificate). Recent graduates must provide official university documentation showing the degree type and official graduation date. The organizers may request additional documentation if needed to verify eligibility.

b) Individual entries only: Each submission must have only one applicant.

A video may be created as a joint effort by a group; however, all collaborators must meet the BIOSOL2026 eligibility criteria (i.e., they must be current bachelor's students or eligible recent bachelor's graduates). Only one eligible participant may be designated as the official applicant for the entry. The official applicant is responsible for the submission and for ensuring compliance with these rules, including obtaining permission from all collaborators and other persons whose

work or likeness appears in the video. Only the official applicant is eligible to receive the competition prize. Collaborators are not considered applicants or prize recipients.

Duplicate and multiple entries: The same video may not be submitted by more than one applicant. Duplicate submissions of the same video by different applicants will not be considered.

Each official applicant may submit only one video to BIOSOL2026.

c) Nature of the idea: Submissions must present the applicant's own original concept or vision. Ideas that promote, showcase, or represent an existing product, service, or commercial venture (e.g., a startup or company the applicant is affiliated with) are not eligible. The proposed biosolution should be a personal proposal, not a pitch for an existing business.

2. Video Guidelines

Length: Videos should be between 60 and 120 seconds long. Videos shorter than 60 seconds will be accepted, but the final evaluation score will be reduced by 10%. Videos longer than 120 seconds will receive a 10% reduction in the final evaluation score. Videos exceeding 150 seconds will not be considered.

Language: Videos must be in English. Subtitles are allowed.

File Format: Submit your video in .mp4 format using the H.264 codec.

Max File Size: Please keep the file size under 400 MB.

Resolution and Orientation: Videos should be recorded and edited in high resolution, preferably 1920 × 1080 pixels (Full HD), in landscape orientation with a 16:9 aspect ratio. Videos recorded in high-resolution vertical/portrait orientation (e.g., 1080 × 1920 pixels, 9:16 aspect ratio) will also be accepted; however, the final evaluation score will be reduced by 10%.

File Name: Name your video file as:

Institution_LastName_FirstName (e.g., UCPH_Smith_Anna.mp4)

Originality: Submissions must be original work created by the official applicant, either individually or together with collaborators. The official applicant must have permission from all collaborators to submit the video and must not include copyrighted content without permission.

Creative Freedom: You may use props, animations, illustrations, AI-generated content, or any other creative approach. The official applicant must visibly appear and speak in the video for a total of at least 10 seconds. If the official applicant does not visibly appear and speak in the video for at least 10 seconds, the final evaluation score will be reduced by 10%.

AI Content: AI-generated content is permitted, including videos in which all or substantially all creative elements are AI-generated. If your video includes any AI-generated elements (e.g., images, audio, animation, or video), you must disclose the tool(s) used in your submission form. The 10-second applicant appearance requirement described above applies regardless of the extent to which AI-generated content is used.

Score reductions are cumulative. For example, a video that exceeds 120 seconds, is submitted in vertical/portrait orientation, and does not include at least 10 seconds in which the official applicant visibly appears and speaks will receive a total score reduction of 30%.

Use of External Materials: You may use royalty-free music, images, or assets, provided they comply with licensing terms. Do not use copyrighted content without appropriate permission.

3. How to Submit Your Entry and Submission Deadline

Upload your video to a free file-sharing platform (WeTransfer, Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive, etc.).

Make sure the shareable link is publicly accessible and does not require a login.

Name your file: Institution_LastName_FirstName

Email the completed submission form, proof of eligibility, and shareable video link to biosol2026@ku.dk

For videos created with collaborators, proof of eligibility for all collaborators will only be requested if the video is selected as a finalist.

All submissions must be received by 06 October 2026, 23:59 CEST.

BIOSOL2026 organizers reserve the right to extend or otherwise amend this deadline; any change will be communicated via the official BIOSOL2026 communication channels.

Late submissions received after the applicable deadline will not be accepted.

4. Intellectual Property & Permissions

By entering, the official applicant affirms that the submitted video is original work created by the applicant, either individually or together with collaborators, and does not infringe on third-party rights.

Do not include other videos, music, or visuals without proper authorization.

By submitting an entry, the official applicant warrants that they own the rights necessary to submit the video or have obtained permission from all collaborators and for any third-party content included in the video.

Participants grant the University of Copenhagen and BIOSOL2026 partners (e.g., Campus Kalundborg, Knowledge Hub Zealand) a non-exclusive license to use, share, and promote submitted videos in print or digital media, including on social media. Where feasible, credit will be given to the official applicant.

Participants also grant the University of Copenhagen and BIOSOL2026 partners a non-exclusive license to use, share, and promote photos of the winners taken during their visit to Denmark, in print or digital media, including on social media. Where feasible, credit will be given.

The official applicant must obtain consent from every collaborator and every person who appears in, is heard in, or whose likeness is featured in the video.

Entries containing offensive, defamatory, illegal, or inappropriate content, as determined solely by BIOSOL2026 organizers or the judging panel, will be disqualified and removed.

5. Judging & Selection

Videos will be evaluated by a panel composed of:

- Students and professors from the University of Copenhagen involved in the MSc programme in Biosolutions
- Representatives from DTU, Helix Lab, Knowledge Hub Zealand, or other institutions, associations, or companies may also participate

6. Evaluation criteria

- Relevance to biosolutions
- Creativity and originality
- Video and editing quality

7. Notification & Prize Claim

Finalists will be notified via email or phone in October 2026.

If a selected winner cannot be reached within 5 calendar days from the date the notification email is sent, declines the prize, or fails to comply with the rules, the prize will be forfeited and awarded to the next highest-scoring finalist.

To ensure geographical diversity, one winner will be selected from an academic institution located within a Member State of the European Union (EU), and one from an academic institution located outside the EU.

Submissions will be evaluated in these two regional groups, and the highest-scoring entry in each group will be awarded.

In case of a tie within a group, judges will re-evaluate the tied entries to determine the most compelling overall submission.

Regional classification is based solely on the location of the applicant's academic institution, regardless of the applicant's nationality or country of residence.

Each winner will receive a fully funded trip to Copenhagen, Denmark, in December 2026. The fully funded trip is awarded only to the designated official applicant and includes:

- Round-trip international travel (in Economy class) from the country of the applicant's academic institution to Denmark
- Accommodation in Denmark
- Participation in social and cultural activities during the stay
- Meals during the organized stay
- Local transportation in Denmark related to the organized visit

The funded trip does not include visa fees, travel and health insurance, airport transfers, or transportation within the participant's country of departure to or from the departure airport or other international departure point.

If a winner is not located in the country where their academic institution is based at the time of travel, the BIOSOL2026 organizers reserve the right to determine whether travel may instead be arranged from the winner's current country of residence.

Winners must be able to travel to Denmark in December 2026.

8. Additional Terms

BIOSOL2026 organizers and judges have the final say on all decisions related to the challenge. No appeals or reconsiderations will be accepted.

The organizers are not obligated to respond to individual inquiries regarding contest outcomes.

BIOSOL2026 organizers reserve the right to amend, postpone, or cancel the challenge due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., insufficient number of qualified entries).

Winners must retain receipts for any reimbursable travel-related expenses, which must comply with University of Copenhagen policies.

Participants are responsible for securing valid travel documents (e.g., passport, visa).