

Nature and Landscape Conservation Research Award

Previous Award winners

Cyann Winkler

2025 From ponds to pondscapes: habitat characteristics influencing the abundance of the threatened yellow-bellied toad (*Bombina variegata*)

Maximilian Schiefer

2023 What's left of it. Multifactorial Restructuring of impoverished, urban Butterfly Communities

Antonia Ettwein

2024 Space Use of the White-Backed Woodpecker in a Heterogeneous Landscape: Implications for Forest Management.

Sergio Vignali

2023 A predictive flight-altitude model for avoiding future conflicts between an emblematic raptor and wind energy development in the Swiss Alps.

Daniel Slodowicz

2022 Grünlandrenaturierung: Relative Wirksamkeit verschiedener Renaturierungsmethoden auf die Pflanzen- und Wirbellosenvielfalt.

Caren Pauler

2021 Anatomical and behavioural differences among cattle breeds and their impact on pasture vegetation.

Susanne Arbeiter

2020 Herausforderungen für den Schutz von Wachtelköniglebens- räumen in bewirtschafteten Auen- wiesen im Nationalpark Unteres Odertal.

Announcement

Hintermann & Weber, a Swiss corporation based in Reinach, has successfully been planning and carrying out nature conservation and landscape protection projects of local, regional, and national importance since 1983. Its annual Nature Conservation Research Award was created in 2003 to celebrate the company's 20th anniversary.

Endowed with 5000 Swiss francs in total, the Award celebrates excellence, originality, or particular practical relevance in scientific achievement impacting nature conservation and landscape protection in Central Europe.

Submitted research papers are expected to either

- provide a solution for a nature conservation problem, or
- reveal a yet largely unknown nature conservation problem, or
- indicate new lines for nature conservation to follow, or
- reevaluate current nature conservation strategies, or
- make an essential contribution to prioritizing nature conservation.

By presenting this Research Award, Hintermann & Weber wants to reward the up-and-coming generation of scientists, especially those having finished their master's thesis or dissertation. Researchers interested in participating may fill in the application form found on www.hintermannweber.ch/en/forschungspreis and send it – along with a copy of their research paper – to the address indicated below.

Applications must be submitted no later than August 15, 2026.

The Award winner is selected by a jury consisting of 5 members, with the jury's decision being final. The Award may be divided among several winners. This year's winner(s) will be announced in the fall of 2026.