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Heineken Young Scientists Awards



Article 1 General

1. The Heineken Young Scientists Awards (the Awards) were established in 2012 by the Heineken Foundations to recognise young researchers whose outstanding achievements in science and scholarship set an example for other young researchers.
2. Once every two years, four Awards are presented, one for each of the domains listed below:
 - Medical/Biomedical Sciences;
 - Humanities;
 - Natural Sciences;
 - Social Sciences.
3. The Awards are made available by Stichting Alfred Heineken Fondsen (the Foundation) and presented to four candidates (the Laureates), nominated and proposed according to these Regulations – Heineken Young Scientists Awards (the Regulations).

Article 2 Nomination

1. Candidates eligible for nomination for the Awards are:
 - researchers who after obtaining a PhD have performed outstanding scientific work within one of the above domains;
 - researchers who obtained a PhD between three and eight years ago, counting from the date of obtaining the PhD. This period is subject to the Foundation Extension Arrangement.
 - researchers who, at the time of nomination, hold an appointment of at least 0.5 FTE (full-time equivalent) at a university or research institute in the Netherlands.
2. The following persons are eligible to nominate candidates for the Awards:
 - Boards of management of universities in the Netherlands (*maximum of two nominations per board*);
 - Deans of faculties of Dutch universities (*maximum of two nominations per dean*);
 - Directors of research institutes affiliated with the KNAW and NWO (*maximum of two nominations per director*);
 - Directors of the Netherlands Federation of University Medical Centers (NFU) (*maximum of two nominations per director*).
3. Nominations must be submitted by using the nomination form made available by the Foundation at www.heinekenprizes.org/.
4. The completed nomination form with the requested appendices must be uploaded before the closing date set by the Foundation to an online cloud platform as indicated on the nomination form. If the nomination has not been submitted before this date, the nomination will not be processed.
5. A nomination is considered to have been submitted when the nominator receives confirmation of receipt.
6. Members of the Board of the Foundation, members of the board of the Dr. A.H. Heineken Stichting voor de Kunst, jury members and jury secretaries of the Heineken Prizes may not submit nominations jointly or individually and may not be nominated as candidates.

Article 3 Task, composition and working method of the jury

1. The board of the Foundation shall appoint the jury. One of the jury members will be appointed by the Foundation as chairperson of the jury (chair).
2. The jury members shall be appointed for a maximum of three rounds of selection,

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utilizing a rotation schedule to ensure a balanced composition of both experienced and new jury members. Jury members (apart from the chair) shall be nominated for appointment by the chair to the Foundation board. The Foundation shall establish a remuneration for the jury members.

3. Each jury shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members, including the chair.
4. The jury's task is assessing the nominations for the Awards mentioned in article 1 in accordance with the assessment criteria (see Article 4) and submitting a nomination for the Awards to the Foundation board.
5. Observers from external organisations are not permitted to attend jury meetings that are held for the purpose of allocating the Awards.
6. All decisions of the jury are taken by majority vote.
7. Jury members must adhere to the Code of Conduct Governing Conflicts of Interest for the Awards.
8. Jury members of the Awards may not provide information about the factual course of events to stakeholders or other parties, either during or after the assessment process.
9. The members of the jury will perform their tasks in their own individual capacity. They will inform the jury secretary of any conflict that may limit their availability. In case of permanent conflict of agenda or in case of a conflict of interest, the Foundation may appoint alternates, nominated by the chair. Under no circumstances may the members of the jury designate a replacement to perform their duties.
10. The Foundation shall make a jury secretary available to the jury.

Article 4 Assessment procedure

1. The candidates nominated for the Awards shall be assessed by the jury according to the following criteria:
 - after obtaining a PhD, the candidate has performed outstanding scientific work in one of the domains referred to in Article 1.2;
 - other qualities and recognitions in so far as relevant for research work.
2. The jury will prepare a report on the assessment, including the grounds for selecting the candidates. The assessment report shall be submitted to the Foundation board as the nominations of the jury, with the understanding that nominations may be revoked by the Foundation board in cases where the nominee's integrity is compromised, and the high standard of the Heineken Prize is jeopardized.

Article 5 Award and presentation

1. The Foundation board shall decide on the basis of the nominations of the jury regarding the allocation of the Awards.
2. The Awards will be awarded by the chair of the board of the Foundation or a substitute.
3. The Awards will be presented during a ceremony convened for this purpose.
4. The Foundation reserves the right to cancel the nomination and assessment procedure for (one of) the Awards, or to abstain from awarding one or more Awards.

Article 6 Prize components

1. Each Award consists of a monetary prize of EUR 15,000 (in words: fifteen thousand euro), to be spent freely by the Laureates.
2. In addition to the monetary prize, the Laureates receive:
 - a. a professional media training organized and funded by the Foundation;
 - b. a commemorative work of art.
3. All taxes, and any other costs and expenses associated with receipt or use of the Awards, are the sole responsibility of the Laureates.

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Article 7 Conditions for accepting the Awards

1. The Laureates notably commit to:
 - participate in the media training, ceremony week and all related events (interviews, presentations, dinner, visits, ceremony) that will be organized by the Foundation;
 - keep the announcement confidential until the official announcement and not contact the media before that date.
2. The Laureates agree to be photographed, filmed, and interviewed for Awards related purposes. These photos, videos and texts will be used in publications and audiovisual means.

Article 8 Final provisions

1. These Regulations come into effect from 30 May 2025.
2. The Foundation board will decide on all matters which arise which are not covered by these Regulations, including any disputes arising out of or in connection with the Regulations.