

## INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR RESEARCH IN THE LIFE SCIENCES

The UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences was established through UNESCO. The Prize is managed by UNESCO, in accordance with the Statutes approved for it at the 180<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board (September 2008), and according to the Financial Regulations of the Organization.

### A. Purpose of the Prize

The Prize is to reward projects and activities of an individual, individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations for scientific research in the life sciences that have led to the improvement of the quality of human life. To be eligible for nomination, candidates for the prize shall have made a significant research contribution to the life sciences.

### B. Nomination of Candidates

1. Nominations for the Prize must be submitted to the Director-General:
  - (a) by the governments of UNESCO Member States, in consultation with their respective National Commissions;

**or**

  - (b) by non-governmental organizations maintaining official relations with UNESCO and active in relevant fields covered by the Prize. (See attached list of such NGOs)

UNESCO cannot accept applications from individuals.

2. Applications must be submitted in English or in French and in 6 copies, and should include:
  - (a) the nomination form, duly completed (see attached form);
  - (b) a summary of the work/research, **not to exceed 1000 words**, including the results of the work/research;
  - (c) a description of the candidate's contribution to the Prize's objectives, **not to exceed 1000 words**;
  - (d) a *curriculum vitae*, including awards received, participation in conferences, symposia, congresses, including mode of presentations (oral/ poster / keynote speaker)

**or**

In the case of institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations, include the institution's Statutes, brief history and list of achievements, **not to exceed 150 words**, as well as **ten (10) major** publications;

- (e) **Ten (10)** major publications highlighting the candidate's role in case of joint publication;
3. The nominations comprising complete documentation as required applications must reach the Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO, 1 rue Miollis 75732 Paris Cedex 15) before 30 June 2015. An electronic copy of the present guidelines and the application form is available on the following website:

<http://www.unesco.org/lifesciencesprize>. An advance copy may be sent by e-mail on the following addresses: [lifesciencesprize@unesco.org](mailto:lifesciencesprize@unesco.org)

### **C. Award of the Prize**

The UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life consists of:

- (i) a medal;
- (ii) a diploma; and,
- (iii) a sum of USD 300,000

The Prize amount may be divided equally among a maximum of three laureates, each of whom is considered to merit it. If a work being awarded has been produced by two or three persons, the Prize amount shall be awarded to them jointly. In no case may a Prize amount be divided between more than three persons.

The Jury for the Prize will submit its recommendations to the UNESCO Director-General, who will announce the name(s) of the prize winner(s) officially.

The Prize shall be awarded by the Director-General at an official ceremony held for that purpose, in 2015. No appeals shall be allowed against the decision of UNESCO with regard to the award of the Prize. Proposals received for the award of a Prize may not be divulged.

If possible, the prizewinner/s shall give a lecture on a subject relevant to the work for which the Prize has been awarded. Such a lecture shall be organized during or in connection with the Prize ceremony. The work produced by a person since deceased shall not be considered for a Prize. If, however, a prizewinner dies before he/she has received the Prize, then the prize may be presented posthumously (awarded to relatives or institution).