



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### L'OREAL-UNESCO FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE SWEDEN PRIZE 2016

#### 1. Introduction

The L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Sweden Prize aims to promote, enhance and encourage the participation of women in science and sustainable development by awarding emerging female scientists in the fields of Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering or Mathematics.

The prize honors two talented women researchers for the quality of their research and development towards independence, and encourages them to pursue a career in science. A total of SEK 300,000 is available for two prizes, and will be granted to researchers up to five years after their PhD defense, who are appointed or currently working at a research institution in Sweden. The recipients will also be invited to a one-year-mentoring program organized by the Young Academy of Sweden.

**The L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Sweden Prize is granted by L'Oréal Sweden in partnership with The Young Academy of Sweden and The Swedish National Commission for UNESCO.**

#### 2. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following general criteria:

- A female researcher who has earned a Ph.D. degree in Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering or Mathematics awarded in 2010 or later (See point 4 regarding deductible time).
- Has an appointment or hosting agreement with a research institution in Sweden.

#### 3. Selection Criteria

The main selection criteria are “scientific excellence, independence and mobility”, based on:

- The candidate's outstanding academic record (including number, quality and impact of publications, conference presentations, patents, awards etc.)

- The scientific quality of the research project
- The innovative nature and productivity of the research (relevant, original, unique approach etc)
- The development towards scientific independence and plan for achieving independence as a researcher
- Demonstrated or planned mobility between countries, universities or disciplines

#### **4. Candidatures**

Applications should be made through an online platform at [www.sverigesungaakademi.se/fwis](http://www.sverigesungaakademi.se/fwis)

An application is considered complete only if it includes all following documents:

- A 2-page Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of PhD degree
- A research project description of maximum 2 pages
- The proposed use of the grant motivating the candidature, with budget indications (1 page max)
- A list of publications and patents
- Letter(s) of agreement from the research supervisor and/or the director of the scientific institution where the research project will be pursued

Applicants who wish to claim eligible deductible time, such as parental leave or sick leave must provide documentation. Applications that are incomplete or that are received after the application deadline, as well as candidates that do not meet the eligibility criteria mentioned above, will not be taken into consideration.

#### **5. Selection of Laureates**

Laureates will be selected by the For Women in Science Sweden Prize Jury. The jury consists of one external president of high scientific standing in a field relevant to the call, three members from The Young Academy of Sweden from different fields relevant to the call, and one representative from L'Oréal Scientific & Regulatory Affairs Department.

The results will be communicated by phone and email to the selected laureates. They must remain confidential until the Prize Ceremony.

The decision of the jury cannot be contested or subject to explanation or justification.

#### **6. Laureates Commitments**

Laureates commit to:

- Pursue the research work for which the L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Sweden Prize was obtained; failing that, the total amount of the prize must be refunded to L'Oréal.
- Use the funds according to the project plan in the application.
- Submit a short annual economic report to L'Oréal Sweden showing how funds have been used (maximum 1 A4 page).
- Submit a final report including a short summary of scientific progress and a financial expenditure statement on how the total funding has been used, no later than five years after the prize was awarded.

- Attend the Prize Ceremony that will be held in Stockholm on 7th of March 2016. Attendance is mandatory. All travel and accommodation expenses for laureates will be covered by L'Oréal Sverige AB.
- Communicate and promote science to a younger audience and to encourage female students.

The payment of the prize will be made by L'Oréal Sverige AB after the Prize Ceremony, after having received the original documents necessary for the administration and wire transfer of funds.

## **7. Communication**

Laureates shall mention the prize in all related communications under the name "L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science-priset i Sverige med stöd av Sveriges unga akademi", in all publications and other forms of media communication, including media appearances, press releases and conferences, that result from or are in any way connected to the Research project wherever possible. Laureates should inform L'Oréal Sweden of any publications and other forms of media communication as above. In scientific publications arising from the work financial support from "L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science-priset i Sverige" should be acknowledged.

Laureates agree to be photographed, filmed and interviewed for non commercial objectives and For Women in Science-related purposes. These photos, videos and texts will be used in publications and audiovisual outlets including but not limited to written press, television, internet, photographs and brochures including distribution to the media in Sweden and worldwide. A separate written authorization shall be signed by each of the laureates. The laureates will not receive any remuneration for such promotional activity.

## **8. Timetable**

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| Application opening date:                 | 21 September 2015 |
| Application closing date:                 | 16 November 2015  |
| First review of applications by the Jury: | 30 November 2015  |
| Selection of laureates by the Jury:       | 14 January 2016   |
| Prize Ceremony:                           | 7 March 2016      |

## **9. Rules and Regulations**

By applying for a L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Sweden Prize, the applicant agrees to all of the above Rules and Regulations