



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### L'OREAL-UNESCO FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE SWEDEN PRIZE 2017

#### 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 (including Medicine), 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 four 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 (including Medicine), Physical Sciences, Engineering or Mathematics awarded in 2012 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 is "scientific excellence", based on:

- The candidate's 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. Applicants**

Applications should be made through the online platform:

<http://sverigesungaakademi.se/fwis2017>

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

- Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 A4 pages)
- Copy of PhD degree
- Research project description of maximum 2 A4 pages, including list of key references. Considering that it is unlikely that the prize sum can cover the cost of an entire project, the length (in years) of the project is not a decisive criterion. Rather, you should develop the project proposal with a clear plan to establish your independent line of research.
- List of your most recent and significant publications and patents: up to ten peer-reviewed publications, highlighting those without your PhD-supervisor. If applicable, include granted patents, prizes and awards.
- Letter of motivation: describe the added value of the prize for your achievement of independence (maximum 1 A4 page)
- Letter(s) of agreement from the research supervisor and/or the director of the scientific institution where the research project will be pursued. Letters of recommendation will not be taken into consideration

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

#### **5. Selection of Awardees**

Awardees 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, four 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 awardees. They must remain confidential until the Prize Ceremony.

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

#### **6. Awardees' Commitments**

Awardees 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 6th of March 2017. Attendance is mandatory. All travel and accommodation expenses for awardees 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. The awardee is free to decide how the prize sum is best managed and to make the appropriate resource allocation decisions, including where the funds should be totally or partially transferred (a personal account or/and to the host institution's account).

## 7. Communication

Awardees 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. Awardees 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.

Awardees 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 awardees. The awardees will not receive any remuneration for such promotional activity.

## 8. Timetable

Application opening date:	15 June 2016
Application closing date:	15 September 2016
Selection of laureates by the Jury:	6 December 2016
Prize Ceremony:	6 March 2017

## 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.

