



RULES AND REGULATIONS

THE L'ORÉAL–UNESCO FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE PRIZE SWEDEN WITH SUPPORT OF THE YOUNG ACADEMY OF SWEDEN 2025

1. Introduction

The L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Prize in Sweden with support of the Young Academy of Sweden, aims to recognize, encourage, and reward female researchers who have shown great potential in the sciences (including medicine), physics, engineering, or mathematics and whose work contributes to sustainable development and solving humanity's major challenges.

The award honors two promising female researchers for their scientific achievements and development towards independence, and aims to encourage them to continue a career in science. The award can be granted to researchers who have completed their doctoral degrees in 2020 or later and who are active at a university or research institute in Sweden.

The prize is 150,000 Swedish kronor per person, and the awardees 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 Prize in Sweden is awarded in collaboration between L'Oréal Sweden, the Swedish National Commission for UNESCO, and the Young Academy of Sweden.

2. Eligibility criteria

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

- A female researcher who has obtained a PhD in the sciences (including medicine), physics, engineering, or mathematics from 2020 or later (see section 4 regarding deductible time).
- Is based at a Swedish university or research institute.

Please note that researchers meeting any of the following criteria are not eligible to apply:

- Employed by a current member of the Young Academy of Sweden or by a person who is part of the prize jury.
- Close family member (e.g. spouse, parent, child) to a current member of the Young Academy of Sweden or a person who is part of the prize jury.

3. Selection criteria

The evaluation of applications is based on the following criteria:

- The applicant's academic credentials.
- The scientific quality of the research project.
- The extent to which the research project is innovative and original.
- The development towards scientific independence and the plan to achieve independence as a researcher.
- The contribution of the research project to scientific solutions for humanity's challenges.

4. Application

The application can be written in Swedish or English and must be submitted via an online platform at <https://sverigesungaakademi.se>. The application should include the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 A4 pages)
- Copy of the doctoral degree certificate
- Description of the research project and list of key references (maximum 2 A4 pages). Considering that the prize amount is unlikely to cover the cost of an entire project, the project's duration (in years) is not a decisive criterion. Rather, you should develop the project proposal with a clear plan to establish your independent research line.
- List your most recent and significant publications (maximum ten peer-reviewed publications), marking with an * those published without your doctoral supervisor. If applicable, also list granted patents, awards, and honours.
- Motivation: describe the added value of the prize for the development of an independent research line (max 1 A4 page).
- Signature from the head of the department (or equivalent) at the institution where you are active and where the research project will be conducted, see template.

Applications that are incomplete or received after the deadline, as well as applicants who do not meet the above criteria, will not be considered. Applicants wishing to claim deductible time (such as parental leave, sick leave, or clinical service) must provide documentation for this. Other certificates and documents than those requested will not be considered.

5. Selection of awardees

The awardees will be selected by the jury for the For Women in Science Sweden. The jury consists of an external chair with high scientific competence, four members from the Young Academy of Sweden, and a representative from L'Oréal Sweden. The awardees and other applicants will be notified by phone or email. The decision is confidential until the award ceremony. The jury's decision cannot be contested. The jury will also not publish or comment on assessments of individual applications.

6. Awardee's commitments

Awardees commit to:

- Conduct the research project for which the prize was received. If not, the full amount must be repaid to L'Oréal Sweden AB.

- Use the prize money in accordance with the project plan submitted in the application.
- Send a brief financial report to L'Oréal Sweden AB, showing how the funds have been used (max 1 A4 page).
- Submit a final report including a summary of scientific progress and a financial statement on how the total funding has been used, no later than five years after the award has been granted.
- Participate in the prize ceremony held in Stockholm around March 8, 2025, and in press photo portraits and media training before March 8. Attendance is mandatory. All travel and accommodation expenses for the award recipients will be covered by L'Oréal Sweden AB.
- Communicate and promote science to a younger audience and encourage female students.

The payment of the prize amount will be made by L'Oréal Sweden AB after the award ceremony, as soon as they have received the documents necessary for administration and transfer of funds. The recipient is free to decide how the prize amount is best managed and to make appropriate resource allocation decisions, including where the funds should be transferred (a personal account and/or the institution's account).

7. Communication

Prize recipients should, when possible, mention the prize in all related communication as *"The L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science prize in Sweden with the support of the Young Academy of Sweden"* in all publications and other forms of media communication, including appearances in the media, press releases, and conferences, that result from or are related to the research project. Award recipients must inform L'Oréal Sweden about all publications and other forms of media communication mentioned above.

In scientific publications resulting from the research project, financial support from *"The L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Sweden Prize with support of the Young Academy of Sweden"* must be acknowledged.

Prize recipients agree to be photographed, filmed, and interviewed for non-commercial purposes and for *For Women in Science*-related purposes. These images, videos, and texts will be used in publications and audiovisual channels, including but not limited to print press, television, the internet, photographs, and brochures, including distribution to media in Sweden and globally. A separate written permission will be signed by each of the prize recipients. The recipients will not receive any compensation for such marketing.

8. Key dates

The application opens no later than June 13, 2024.

The application closes on September 30, 2024.

The jury will announce the prize recipients and other applicants at the turn of the year 2024/2025.

The prize ceremony will take place in conjunction with March 8, 2025.

9. Rules and regulations

By applying for *The L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science prize in Sweden with the support of the Young Academy of Sweden*, the applicant agrees to all the above rules and regulations.

10. Handling of personal data

By submitting an application, the applicant consents to their personal data being processed for the administration and evaluation of the application, communication about the award, and other necessary administration. The Young Academy of Sweden is the data controller for the applications. Please contact info@sverigesungaakademi.se if you have any questions about the handling of personal data.