FNR AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING PROMOTION OF SCIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Each year, the FNR attributes one “Award for the Outstanding Promotion of Science to the Public”. The award amounts to EUR 5,000 and rewards

- scientists who have successfully disseminated their knowledge to school children, students and/or the general public and entered into a dialogue with them;
- teachers, science communicators, private individuals, non-profit organisations and foundations who have successfully delivered projects for schoolchildren, students and/or the general public that give an insight into science and the work of scientists.

Eligibility criteria

- Eligible applicants are: individuals or a team (scientists, teachers, etc.), institutions, non-profit associations or foundations that have contributed to the promotion of science to the public in Luxembourg. Note: if the activity is the result of a team effort, the applicants are encouraged to submit as a group but must designate one or two spokespeople.
- Applicants may be considered upon suggestion for the award by a third party (including the FNR), with prior approval of the applicant(s).
- The submitted projects must have taken place in Luxembourg during the year preceding the proposal submission deadline.
- Proposals that were submitted to FNR in a previous call and not retained for an award may be resubmitted only once. It is strongly advised to include and highlight any additional information that is new compared to the previous submission.

Selection criteria

- Project idea and suitability of methods/content with regard to the target audience

  Who organised the project (all partners)? Who was the target audience and how many participants were there? What was the content communicated to the target audience and how was it communicated? To what extent was the form appropriate for the audience? (Research/science must be at the forefront of the projects; projects must be interactive and give the target audience the chance to actively take part.) Has the project been organised previously? Will the project be repeated in the future?

- Results in qualitative and quantitative terms

  Possible qualitative terms could be: to explain the scientific method to the target audience, stimulate receptiveness to scientific themes, awaken the natural curiosity of children, increase critical judgement among the target audience with regard to scientific themes, develop an understanding of scientific professions, get feedback from the target audience on a scientific theme, respond to audience inquiries, etc.

  How many people were reached by the project and what were the benefits for the participants? How did you measure your audience’s satisfaction?

  Visibility of the activity: How was the project promoted and to whom were the results of the project presented? Have the media been involved?
Application procedure

- Applications may be submitted in German, French or English.
- Applicants must submit their application as one PDF file including signatures by e-mail to jill.mousel@fnr.lu. The Application Form is available on the Awards page of the FNR website.
- Applications must be submitted until 10 February 2020, no later than 14:00 (CET).
- Files that are too voluminous to send via e-mail may be submitted via web transfer (e.g. WeTransfer) or postal mail (USB-stick) but must reach the FNR until the day of the deadline.
- Applications that come in late, that are not complete or missing signatures will not be considered.

Selection procedure

- An expert jury nominated by the FNR will evaluate all eligible applications on the basis of the selection criteria enumerated above.
- The decision of the jury shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal. If the jury considers that none of the applicants qualifies for an award, the FNR may decide not to allocate the award.
- The award may be allocated to an individual or to a group of persons. In case a group is retained for an award, the group must designate one or two spokespeople for communications related to the award.
- The award will be allocated to the winner during the public FNR Award Ceremony. The winner is expected to attend the award ceremony and be available for the production of a short video beforehand.

Contact

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