FNR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Each year, the FNR attributes an “Award for Outstanding Scientific Publication” for articles released in peer-reviewed journals or for scientific monographs. The award amounts to EUR 5,000.

The FNR has signed the “Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)” and therefore has introduced changes in how it assesses research proposals and scientific publications. This means that the FNR evaluates quality and impact independently of journal-based metrics and gives value to all research outputs. The application and peer review guidelines have been adapted accordingly.

Eligibility criteria

- Eligible applicants are: individuals or a group of researchers from public institutions and services authorised to undertake R&D activities in Luxembourg, or non-profit associations pursuing activities of a scientific nature in Luxembourg. Note: if the publication is the result of a team effort, the applicants are encouraged to submit as a group but must designate one or two spokespeople. The FNR expects individual applicants to have informed any co-authors about the award application.

- Publications may be considered upon suggestion for the award by a third party (including the FNR), with prior approval of the applicant(s).

- Eligible publications are: all publications or volumes about original research results published in peer-reviewed scientific journals, scientific monographs or scientific series where the applicant(s) is/are main author(s) and for which the majority of the work was carried out in Luxembourg. Publications that emerged from public-private partnerships are eligible. Reviews, editorials or commentaries are not eligible.

- Publications must have been published and/or produced in Luxembourg during the five years preceding the submission deadline. Please note that allowing sufficient time for your publication to attract the scientific community’s attention before submitting it for an award will help our reviewers to evaluate its scientific quality.

- For publications with multiple contributing authors and research institutions, applicants must demonstrate that they carried out the majority of the work in Luxembourg.

- 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 about the publication that is new compared to the previous submission.

Selection criteria

- Quality of the scientific publication and impact*
- Citation indexes or references (must be indicated)
- Availability of the publication in Open Access
- Scientific relevance for Luxembourg
Main author(s)' scientific background (CV, complete list of publications, projects, work experience, etc.)

*We do not use journal-based metrics, such as Journal Impact Factors, as a surrogate measure of the quality of individual research articles. The scientific content of a paper is much more important than publication metrics or the identity of the journal in which it was published.

**Application procedure**

- Applicants must submit their application in English as one PDF file including signatures (applicant(s) and Head of Institution) 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).

- Publications or monographs that are too voluminous to send via e-mail may be submitted via web transfer (e.g. WeTransfer) or postal mail (USB-stick or 2 copies of the monograph) but must reach the FNR until the day of the deadline.

- Applications that come in late, that are not complete or that are missing signatures will not be considered.

**Documents to be joined to the completed Application Form**

- Mandatory: One electronic copy of the submitted publication/article (documents too voluminous to be sent via e-mail may be sent separately via web transfer (e.g. WeTransfer) or on USB-stick via postal mail)

- Mandatory: citations, references, other impact measures (if applicable)

- Mandatory: CV(s) of the main author(s),

- Mandatory: Complete list of publications by the main author(s). Please do not use journal impact factors. Please indicate whether the papers are published Open Access or not.

- Mandatory: In case of a large international collaboration (i.e. Multiple authors from institutions outside of Luxembourg), please specify the contribution of the applicant(s), illustrating how the work performed in Luxembourg significantly contributed to the eligibility of this work as being an "outstanding scientific publication".

- Optional: Any other element which illustrates the outstanding scientific quality of the publication

**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 author or to a group of authors. 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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