FNR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH-DRIVEN INNOVATION

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Each year, the FNR attributes one “Award for Outstanding Research-Driven Innovation” for exceptional public research that has led to valuable innovations of a commercial or social nature. 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. Companies (start-up or established) are not eligible to submit a stand-alone application, but can be co-applicant if they are part of a public-private-partnership. Note: if the innovation is the result of a team effort, applicants are encouraged to submit as 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).

- Eligible innovations are: innovations of a commercial or social nature that are based on scientific research (co-)funded by public investments.

- The R&D that led to the innovation must have taken place in Luxembourg during the 3 years preceding the submission of the application. The innovation should have already been demonstrated, tested and proven beneficial in actual service, making a significant contribution to the Luxembourg economy and/or society.

- 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

- Relevance and implementation of the innovation for the Luxembourg economy and/or society

- Outstanding ability of the applicant(s) to apply research results and exceptional innovative capacity
Application procedure

- Applicants must submit their application in English 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).**

- Documents that are too voluminous to send via e-mail may be submitted via web transfer (e.g. WeTransfer) or by postal mail 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.

Documents to be joined to the completed Application Form

- Mandatory: CV(s) of the applicant(s)
- Optional: Any other element (visual aids, pictures, news articles) which illustrates the outstanding value and quality of the innovation.

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 applicant or to a group of applicants. In case a group of applicants is retained for an award, the group will be asked to 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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