

**GENERAL RULES**  
**UNESCO KALINGA PRIZE FOR THE POPULARIZATION OF SCIENCE 2019**

**Purpose**

The Kalinga Prize rewards the exceptional efforts of a person who has had a distinguished career as a writer, editor, lecturer, radio/television programme director or film producer, which has enabled her/him to help interpret science, research and technology to the public. He/she is expected to be knowledgeable of the role of science, technology, and general research in the improvement of the public welfare, the enrichment of the cultural heritage of nations and the solutions to the problems of humanity.

The objective of the Prize is in directly in line with UNESCO's policies and is related to the Programme on the popularization of science.

**Donors and Prize**

The Prize is funded by the Kalinga Foundation Trust, the Government of the State of Odisha, and the Government of India (Department of Science and Technology). It will be awarded by the Director-General of UNESCO at an official ceremony during the World Science Forum that will be held in Budapest, Hungary in November 2019.

The award consists of a monetary award amounting to US\$40,000, an award certificate, and the UNESCO-Albert Einstein silver medal. The laureate will also receive the Kalinga Chair as established by the Government of India (Department of Science and Technology) which comprises a certificate and cash award of US\$5,000.

He/she will be invited to travel to India (travel and accommodation will be provided by the Government of India), for a two to four week tour to interact with scientists and science communicators. He/she will be provided with appropriate facilities to familiarize herself/himself with Indian life and culture, Indian research and educational institutions, and the development of India's industry and economy. He/she will also be invited to visit Indian universities, and attend meetings within India's scientific societies, particularly those of the Indian Science Congress Association. While in India, the Prize-winner will be asked to deliver lectures in English, and to take part in meetings in order to present recent progress in science and technology as well as the social, cultural and educational impacts of modern science.

**Application process**

The Prize is destined to candidates having contributed significantly to the popularization of science. The Prize may be awarded only to individuals. A work produced by a group of people shall not be considered.

Applications shall be submitted to the Director-General through the governments of Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions, or through Non-Governmental Organizations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO. A self-nomination cannot be considered. Each Member State and Non-Governmental Organization may designate one candidate.

Each application shall include the following documents, in English or French:

- Nomination letter by Permanent Delegation of Member or Observer State to UNESCO, National Commission for UNESCO, or Non-Governmental Organisations maintaining formal relations with UNESCO;
- Description of the nominee's academic/professional background;
- Summary of the work or the results of the work on the popularization of science;
- Description of how the submitted work has contributed to the popularization of science;
- List of enclosed annexes (publications, books, digital supports, media articles, etc.);
- List of translations.

**The application dossier should preferably submitted online. If however it must be sent by postal services, the complete dossier should come in five hard copies, or on five digital supports (USB, CD or DVD).**

Applications should be addressed to the Secretariat of the UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science:

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The deadline for reception of nominations by UNESCO is **Friday 14 June 2019, 23:59 (Paris time, UTC+1)**.

### **Evaluation process**

The laureate is selected by the Director-General of UNESCO upon the recommendation of a Jury of five members. This Jury, composed of recognised personalities in the field, is designated by the Director-General on the basis of equitable geographical distribution.

By early July 2019, the jury members will receive all applications for evaluation. In September, the jury will meet at UNESCO to present the results of the evaluation to the Director-General and issue their recommendations for a laureate.

### **More information**

For further information about the UNESCO Kalinga Prize and the application process for the 2019 edition, please visit the following [webpage](#).

For any other question about the UNESCO Kalinga Prize, please contact:

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