How to apply to the UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences

The exponential evolution in the field of life sciences offer numerous potential solutions to counter the global challenges related to health, poverty, access to safe water, disease and therefore the improvement of the quality of human life. To this end, UNESCO strives to guarantee equitable access to these advances by promoting research in the life sciences. Through the UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences, UNESCO rewards annually individuals, institutions and non-governmental organizations for their outstanding contribution to the improvement of human life.

Funded by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, the Prize, which has a monetary value of US$ 350,000, is divided equally among a maximum three laureates. The laureate(s) also receive (s) a certificate and an “Integracion Tribal” statuette by Equatorial Guinean artist Leandro Mbomio.

Established by UNESCO’s Executive Board, the Prize directly contributes to the attainment of the 2030 Sustainable Development agenda referring to a number of the SDGs. It also supports UNESCO’s global priorities included in the Medium-term Strategy 2022-2029.

Who is eligible?
Individuals, institutions or non-governmental organizations whose research in the field of life sciences improved the quality of human life.
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Who can submit?
Candidates endorsed by a designating authority:
• UNESCO Member States through their National Commissions.
• Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO that are active in relevant fields covered by the Prize.

◊ Each Member State or Non-governmental Organization may submit up to five nominations.

◊ Unsolicited applications/Self-nominations cannot be considered.

Application form
After registration, candidates must fill in the online application form in English or French.

Application form includes:
• Background information;
• Outline of the candidate’s contribution to the Prize’s objectives;
• Summary of the work/research;
• List of publications.

How to submit an application?
Applications may be submitted in two ways:
• Designating authorities can invite candidates who they wish to endorse to apply.
• Candidates can submit their application to a National Commission through the online process.

Only applications that have been officially endorsed are received by the UNESCO Secretariat.

Selection process
1. The Secretariat reviews all applications received before the deadline and transmits the eligible applications to the International Jury of the Prize.

2. The International Jury meets in Paris, France to assess the applications.

3. The Director-General selects the winners based on the recommendation of the International Jury.

4. The Prize is awarded to the winner(s) during an official ceremony organized by UNESCO.

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