



Regulations governing the Heineken Young Scientists Awards

Article 1 General

The Heineken Young Scientists Awards (hereafter: the Awards) were established in 2012 by the Heineken Foundations and the Academy to recognise young researchers whose outstanding achievements in science and scholarship set an example for other young researchers.

1 Every two years, four Awards are presented, one for each of the domains listed below:

- Humanities;
- Social Sciences;
- Medical/Biomedical Sciences;
- Natural Sciences.

2 The Awards each consist of a sum of € 10,000 (in words: ten thousand euros).

3 This prize is made available by the Alfred Heineken Fondsen Foundation.

Article 2 Conditions for nomination

The following are eligible for nomination for the Awards:

- researchers who after obtaining a PhD have performed outstanding scientific work within one of the above domains;
- researchers who obtained a PhD between three and eight years ago, counting from the date of obtaining the PhD. This period is subject to [the Academy Extension Arrangement](#);
- researchers who are employed at a university or research institute in the Netherlands.

Article 3 Nomination

1 The following are eligible to nominate candidates for the Awards:

- members of the Academy and The Young Academy;
- governing boards and deans of Dutch universities;
- directors of Academy and NWO research institutes.

2 Nominations must be submitted in Dutch or English by e-mail using the nomination form provided by the Academy and the requested attachments. A nomination is considered to have been submitted when the nominator receives confirmation of receipt from the Academy.

3 The nomination form with the requested attachments must be sent by the deadline set by the Academy to wetenschapsfondsen@knaw.nl. If the nomination has not been submitted by this date, it will not be considered.

4 Members of the Academy board and the members of the Award jury may not submit (or co-submit) nominations and cannot be nominated as candidates.

Article 4 Tasks, composition and working methods of the jury

1 The Academy board will appoint a jury that is tasked with assessing nominations for the Awards and submitting a nomination to the Academy board for the allocation of the Awards.

2 The jury will consist of five members, including the chair. The members will be appointed by the Academy board. At least two of the five members will be appointed for two consecutive assessment rounds. The chair of the jury will be appointed, will have a broad domain transcending attitude and will be an Academy member.

3 In addition to the chair, the jury consists of two members of the Academy and two members and/or alumni of The Young Academy. Each of them will represent one of the above domains.

4 All decisions of the jury will be taken by a majority of votes cast.



- 5 Jury members must adhere to the *Academy Code of Conduct Governing Conflicts of Interest for Awards, Memberships and Funding*.
- 6 The Academy will appoint an official secretary to assist the jury.
- 7 The chair of the Alfred Heineken Fonds Foundation board can attend the meeting of the jury as an observer.

Article 5 Assessment criteria

Assessment of the candidates proposed for the Awards will take place by the jury on the basis of the following criteria:

- after obtaining a PhD, the candidate has performed outstanding scientific work in one of the domains referred to in Article 1.2;
- other qualities and recognitions in so far as relevant for research work.

The jury will prepare a report of the assessment, including the grounds for the choice of the candidates. The assessment report will be submitted to the Academy board as the jury's nomination.

Article 6: Allocation and presentation

- 1 The Academy board will decide on the basis of the nomination of the jury regarding the allocation of the Awards.
- 2 The Awards will be presented by the board chairman of the Alfred Heineken Fonds Foundation or a replacement appointed by the chair.
- 3 The Awards will be presented during a meeting convened for this purpose by the Academy.

Article 7 Final provisions

- 1 These regulations were adopted by the Academy board on 19 June 2017 and were amended on 15 October 2019.
- 2 In all cases not provided for by these regulations, the Academy board will decide.