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

The rapidly advancing knowledge in the life sciences offers plenty of opportunities to surpass the challenges of poverty, hunger, clean water, disease and improving the quality of human life. UNESCO strives to ensure equal access to all to the advances in the research and application of the life sciences.

The UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences honours research in the Life Sciences that has improved human life.

Funded by the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, the Prize is conferred annually to maximum three laureates and consists of an award of USD 350,000 to help further their research in the field of Life Sciences. The laureate(s) shall receive the monetary award, equally divided among them, 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 2014-2021.

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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