



2017 L'ORÉAL-UNESCO FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE AWARDS: PHYSICAL SCIENCES - CALL FOR NOMINATION

Paris, May 20th 2016 – The Call for Nomination for the 19th edition of the *L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Awards* is now open. Scientists from around the world are invited to submit candidates who qualify at the www.fwis.fr/en/awards

Since 1998, the *L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science* programme has aimed to ensure that **research in every field takes full advantage of the intelligence, creativity and passion of one-half of the population of the planet**. Over the past 18 years, the program has honoured 92 distinguished Laureates, including two who went on to win the Nobel Prize, and supported 2,438 greatly talented women for their outstanding accomplishments that contribute to making the world a better place.

The 2017 edition of the Awards will celebrate five outstanding scientific researchers in the **Physical Sciences** (chemistry, physics, astronomy...), working in one of the following regions: Africa & the Arab States, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America. Each of the five Laureates will receive an award of €100,000 to further their impactful research.

The Call for Nomination is **open until June 20th, 2016**. Women scientists can only be nominated by qualified scientists (PhD minimum requirement). An independent, international jury of eminent scientists will gather in September to make the final selection.



The 5 women scientists awarded in 2016: Prof. Andrea Gamarnik, Prof. Hualan Chen, Prof. Quarraisha Abdool Karim, Prof. Emmanuelle Charpentier, Prof. Jennifer Doudna.

Submit a candidate for the 2017 L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Awards at www.fwis.fr/en/awards

The L'Oréal Foundation and UNESCO also invite the scientific community to sign the For Women in Science Manifesto to engage the general public to step up the pace of change for women in the sciences.

Sign the Manifesto at www.forwomeninscience.com



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About the L'Oréal Foundation

Accompany. Value. Communicate. Support. Move boundaries. The convictions, the core values which drive the L'Oréal Foundation's commitment to women everyday. A commitment divided into two main areas - science and beauty.

Through its' For Women in Science program, a worldwide partnership with UNESCO, the L'Oréal Foundation motivates girls in High School to pursue scientific careers, supports women researchers and rewards excellence in a field where women remain underrepresented.

Through its beauty programs, the Foundation assists women affected by illness, who are economically disadvantaged or isolated, to recover their sense of self-esteem and femininity in order to feel better and to fare better. Its' actions also include providing training programs for beauty industry professions.

About UNESCO

Since its creation in 1945, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization supports international scientific cooperation as a catalyst for sustainable development and for peace between people. UNESCO assists countries in the development of their public policies and in building their capabilities in the fields of science, technology, innovation and scientific education. In addition, UNESCO leads several intergovernmental programs for the sustainable management of freshwater, ocean and terrestrial resources, for biodiversity protection and to promote science's role in combating climate change and natural disasters. To meet these goals, UNESCO is committed to ending discrimination of all kinds and to promoting equality between women and men.