

Regulations

Marie Skłodowska-Curie and Pierre Curie Polish-French Scientific Award

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie and Pierre Curie Polish-French Scientific Award (the Award) is granted every two years by the French Académie des sciences and the Foundation for Polish Science (FNP). It addresses outstanding achievements in French-Polish scientific cooperation.

General provisions

§ 1

1. The Award is conferred jointly to a team of two researchers, one working in France (including Overseas France) and one working in Poland. The researchers are expected to have achieved outstanding results thanks to French-Polish scientific cooperation.
2. The selection criteria for the Award winners are scientific excellence of the joint achievement and its relevance for scientific cooperation.
3. The scope of the Award covers the entire spectrum of scientific research.
4. Researchers may receive the Award only once.

The Contest Procedure

§ 2

1. All active members of the Polish and French scientific community holding a doctoral degree, working at universities or other institutions, the statutory purposes of which include conducting research, are authorized to submit nominations for the Award.
2. Self-nominations shall be considered based on an additional letter of support.
3. Each nomination shall refer to a team of two researchers (described thereof as the candidates), working in respective countries.

4. The candidates have to hold a doctoral degree at the time the application is submitted.
5. Nominations may be withdrawn on the basis of a written request.

§ 3

1. Nominations shall be submitted in English to the FNP in an electronic version by the closing date via the online database: <https://wnioski.fnp.org.pl>.
2. Nominations should contain the following :
 - a. Acknowledgement of the joint scientific achievement(s) made by the two candidates in the sense of the Award;
 - b. Lists of up to ten publications based on verifiable joint research in support of the achievement(s);
 - c. Curricula vitae of both candidates;
 - d. One third party letter of support for the nominated couple of candidates; in case of self-nomination – two of such letters are required.

§ 4

1. The FNP shall conduct a formal examination of the nominations and send valid nominations to the French Académie des sciences and the members of the jury.
2. The jury evaluates the merit of nominations in a two-stage procedure.
3. In the first stage, the jury shall conduct the initial evaluation, limited to a general evaluation of all applications, e.g. consistency with the objectives and the idea of the Award, significance and originality of the scientific achievement(s) of the candidates. This stage shall result in a shortlist of up to eight nominations.
4. The jury may ask the head offices of the French Académie des sciences and the FNP to appoint external reviewers to evaluate the shortlisted candidates.
5. The laureates are selected by the jury during the second stage of evaluation. Upon request of the jury, the Award may not be granted.
6. The decisions of the jury are final and not appealable.
7. The final decision on the selection of the laureates is confirmed by the Heads of the French Académie des sciences and the FNP.

§ 5

1. The French Académie des sciences and the FNP shall notify the laureates and publish the list of laureates on their websites.
2. The names of individuals submitting all the nominations and letters of support shall be deemed confidential.
3. The Award ceremony shall take place alternately in France and in Poland, under responsibility of the hosting party, respectively the French Académie des sciences and the FNP.

The Jury

§ 6

1. The Jury shall be composed of equal numbers of representatives appointed by the French Académie des sciences and the FNP. The Jury shall be comprised of, at least, six members. Members of the Jury are selected based exclusively on their scientific expertise. The appointment of Jury members shall be devised to avoid conflicts of interest during the selection process.
2. The Jury elects a chairperson among its members for each edition of the Award. The position of the chairperson shall rotate between a Polish and a French representative from one edition to another.
3. The Jury deliberations are confidential and shall not be communicated.
4. The Jury may work without meeting in person but in a way allowing exchange of views and information.

The Award

§ 7

1. The Award-money for each of the two laureates is 15 000 EUR. It is paid in part to their research body, in support of their research projects (10 000 EUR), and partly to their individual accounts (5 000 EUR).
2. The FNP secures funds for the Award and wires them to the two laureates. The Award is jointly raised by the FNP and the Zygmunt Zaleski Stichting in equal shares.
3. The French Académie des sciences, the FNP and the Zygmunt Zaleski Stichting shall not assert any rights to the results of work funded by the Award and shall not be responsible for their consequences or interpretations.

Final Provisions

§ 8

1. The above Regulations are effective for the next three editions of the Award, given in 2022, 2024 and 2026.
2. Any amendment to the Regulations must be made in writing, by mutual agreement between the French Académie des sciences and the FNP.