Team Science Award

Call for Nominations
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1. Introduction

The NWO Domain Science has five awards that match the strategic goals of the domain (see strategy manifesto 2019-2022). In 2021 these awards will be presented for the second time in this format. The awards recognize the achievements of scientists in various areas of scientific research. There is an award for inspirational teamwork (Team Science Award), an award for science communication for a wider audience (Communication Initiative Award), awards to foster diversity (Diversity Initiative Award and Athena Award), and an award for the societal impact of scientific results (Stairway to Impact Award). The awards are intended to reward scientists who have contributed in these areas and to inspire others to do the same. All disciplines in the Science domain are eligible for these awards.
2. Goal of the Team Science Award

NWO Domain Science wishes to underline the added value of team science in all fields and to highlight inspirational examples of this, and the Team Science Award is its way of doing this. The added value of team science lies in the mutually reinforcing effects of diversity and complementarity of (technical) skills and expertise of individual team members. Good team science promotes the development of talent within the group, whereby leading researchers in the team attract talented new young PIs who can develop quickly and go on to attract even more new talent. The Team Science Award rewards the most inspiring and successful team of researchers from various disciplinary fields, who jointly take on a scientific challenge in which their individual strengths and expertise demonstrably reinforce each other.
3. Requirements for nominations

Who can submit a nomination?

Anyone can submit a nomination. For the Team Science Award, it is possible to nominate the team that you are yourself a member of.

Who can be nominated?

Candidate teams for the Team Science Award
- have not received this award previously
- are teams where the majority of team members are appointed in the fields of science that fall within the NWO Domain Science (Earth Sciences, Astronomy, Chemistry, Computer Science, Life Sciences, Physics, Mathematics) and that conduct scientific research in this domain.
- are teams with at least three team members
- are teams in which a majority of the team members is employed by one of the following knowledge institutions:
  - A university located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
  - A university medical centre;
  - KNAW and NWO institutes;
  - the Netherlands Cancer Institute;
  - the Max Planck Institute for psycholinguistics in Nijmegen;
  - the Dutch-Belgian BeamLinE (‘Dubble’) project at the ESRF in Grenoble;
  - NCB Naturalis;
  - Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL);
  - Princess Máxima Center for Paediatric Oncology.

What can the prize be used for?

The Team Science Award is a sum of €10,000. The recipients may spend the prize on activities that contribute to the purpose of this prize. The recipients have ample freedom when it comes to spending this sum: staff, equipment, investment, travel and subsistence costs, guest researchers, knowledge utilization activities, and so on. However, a minimum spending plan must be approved by NWO. This prize can only be spent by persons employed by the knowledge institutions as mentioned in “Who can be nominated?”. The prize must be spent within three years of receipt of the award letter.

When can nominations be submitted?

Nominations must be received by NWO at latest by 15 June 2021, 14:00:00 CE(S)T.

Specific requirements

A maximum of €30,000 is available for this Call for Nominations. A maximum of three nominations can be awarded. Only nominations of sufficient quality can win a prize.

Drafting a nomination

The “nomination form” must be used for nominations. The form can be downloaded from the website. The nominations must be written in English and must be DORA compliant.
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The nomination form contains the following elements:
1. A cover page (mandatory) with general information about the nominees and the applicant.
2. A motivational letter (mandatory, maximum two pages), in which the applicant explains why the team should win the prize, how this team goes beyond standard collaborations and how the assessment criteria stated in Call for Nominations apply to the team.
3. Supporting documentation (optional, maximum five pages), such as, for example, a short narrative CV of the nominated candidates and any support letters from third parties. A short description of the narrative CV can be found on the following web page.

Additional notes:
It is advisable to take into account the fact that the committee is composed of representatives from different disciplines of the ENW science domain and that some members may not be experts in the relevant field.

Submitting a nomination

The completed nomination form should be sent in pdf-format to ENWprijzen@nwo.nl, with the words 'Team Science Award + [the name of the team]' in the subject field.
4. Assessment procedure

Procedure

The first step in the procedure is a check to see whether the proposal is complete. The conditions as described in chapter 3 of this Call for Nominations are applied for this. If NWO assesses that the nomination does not meet the administrative conditions, the applicant will be given a one-off opportunity to adjust the nomination within five working days. If the required information is incomplete or not provided within the set term, the nomination will not be processed by NWO. The Code dealing with personal interests applies to all persons involved in the assessment and/or decision-making, including NWO employees.

The nominations for the Science Domain awards are assessed by four award committees: a committee for the Team Science Award, a committee for the Communication Initiative Award, a committee for the Stairway to Impact Award and one committee for the two diversity awards, the Athena Award and the Diversity Initiative Award. Each committee member prioritizes (part of) the nominations for their award based on the assessment criteria in order to form a pre-prioritization. In the committee meeting, each committee ranks the nominations for their award based on the assessment criteria and the discussions of the individual nominations, which will lead to a final ranking. Each committee takes into account the wish of the board to achieve a good spread of the prize winners over the various Science Domain disciplines. The four committees advise the NWO Science Domain board about the winners they have selected. The board takes the decision on the allocation. In the event that two nominations have been given the same final priority by one of the committees, the board will favor the nomination from the research discipline in which (calculated on the advice of the four committees) the fewest awards will be granted.

After the decision of the NWO Science Domain board, the winners will be informed. The applicants of the other nominations will be informed that their nomination has not been selected for the prize. Final prioritization details are confidential and will not be shared. The prizes will be awarded at appropriate national (disciplinary) conferences.

### Indicative timeline

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### Entry requirements

The team conducts scientific research within the NWO Science Domain (Earth Sciences, Astronomy, Chemistry, Computer Science, Life Sciences, Physics, Mathematics). If a team does not meet this condition, the team will not compete for the prize. This is a decision of the full selection committee.
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Criteria

The Team Science Award underlines the demonstrable added value of diversity and the complementarity of (technical) skills and expertise of individual team members with respect to innovative research and talent development in the Science domain. Nominated teams are therefore assessed on the following requirements:

- Composition and collaboration of the team
  - Teams are characterized by diversity, interdisciplinarity and the complementarity of their (technical) skills and expertise. Diversity covers seniority, disciplines and institutions;
  - Teams focus demonstrably on talent development;
  - It is an added value when teams have made agreements regarding roles and tasks, the communication structure, the infrastructure for data traffic and storage and, if applicable, the intellectual property and conflicts of interest.

- Scientific value
  - Teams have defined their scientific challenge clearly, and there is a clear common goal;
  - Teams have taken on a scientific challenge to which cooperation between individual team members brings demonstrable added value, whereby the team as a whole is more than simply the sum of its parts. This is also reflected by the output of the team, that is representative for their goal. This output for instance includes scientific output such as manuscripts, organized workshops and/or teaching material, but is not limited to these examples. Entries of this output should not contain impact factors, H-indexes or total number of citations.

The prize relates to scientific research in a general sense; the subject of the research is not one of the criteria applied.

Composition of the committee

The selection committee consists of scientists and experts who have affinity with and experience in the field of team science. The selection committee is made up of scientists and experts, both men and women, both senior and junior, and from various disciplines within the Science domain.
5. Contacting us and other information

Contact

For questions regarding the Team Science Award and this Call Nominations, please contact: Joyce Burger via ENWprijzen@nwo.nl or by phone at +31 70 34 94306.

Other information

Information about the award policy of the NWO Domain Science can be found on the NWO website. Information about other awards in the Science domain can also be found there.

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