



Regulations for Awarding the National Postdoc Prize

Article 1. General

- 1 Starting in 2017, the National Postdoc Prize ('the Prize') will be awarded annually by De Jonge Akademie (The Young Academy, the 'DJA') and the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities [*Koninklijke Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen*] (the 'KHMW').
- 2 The Prize is intended as an incentive for postdoc researchers to conduct outstanding research that could have a major impact on society.
- 3 The Prize is awarded on an alternating basis to one postdoc in the social sciences/humanities in the one year, and to one postdoc in exact sciences/medicine in the next, in recognition of research that could have a major impact on society. In 2017, the Prize will be awarded to a postdoc in exact sciences/medicine; in 2018, it will be awarded to a postdoc in the social sciences/humanities, with awards being made annually on this alternating basis.
- 4 The Prize consists of a monetary award of EUR 10,000 (ten thousand euros) and a certificate conferred by the DJA and the KHMW.

Article 2. Conditions for nomination

A candidate is eligible for the Prize if the following conditions are met:

- 1 The candidate received his/her PhD no more than five years previously¹;
- 2 The candidate holds a position as a postdoc researcher² at a Dutch university or Dutch research institute.

Article 3. Selection criteria

Candidates are assessed based on the following criteria:

- 1 After receiving his/her PhD, the candidate has published his/her own research and that research was of outstanding scientific quality;
- 2 The research could have a major impact on society. It offers additional insight into and/or contributes to resolving a societal issue or problem;
- 3 The candidate disseminates the scientific insights from his/her research throughout society (for example through government, politics or the media, or to the public as a whole).

Article 4. Nomination

- 1 The following individuals may independently nominate candidates for the Prize:
 - professors at Dutch universities and
 - directors of Dutch research institutes.
- 2 Each nominator may nominate a maximum of two candidates in each round of nominations.
- 3 Nominations are made by completing and submitting the nomination form made available by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (the 'Academy') (www.dejongeakademie.nl). The form must be sent to dja@knaw.nl before the deadline set by the DJA and the KHMW.
- 4 Nominations will be considered only if they demonstrably satisfy the conditions laid down in Article 2 of these Regulations.
- 5 In order to assess the conditions and selection criteria, the following documents must be received at the same time as the nomination form:
 - a. A description of the research conducted and the scientific perspective that the research offers;
 - b. Evidence of the societal impact of the research;
 - c. Evidence of the candidate's dissemination of the scientific insights throughout society;

¹ An extension clause can be made use of. The extension arrangement of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) will then apply <https://www.knaw.nl/shared/resources/prijzen/bestanden/academy-extension-arrangement>.

² Or perhaps as an assistant professor, but no longer than one year prior to the deadline for the call.



- d. Three scholarly publications about the research conducted, with reasons and an explanation;
- e. The curriculum vitae of the candidate who performed the research and who is the subject of the nomination.

Article 5. Review Committee

- 1 The Boards of the DJA and the KHMW will appoint a review committee consisting of four DJA members and/or alumni and one of the KHMW's scientific secretaries. The latter will also chair the committee.
- 2 Of the five members, two will represent the social sciences/humanities and two the exact sciences/medicine. The chairperson (i.e. the fifth member) will be either the KHMW's natural sciences secretary or the humanities and social sciences secretary, depending on the field of study in the year concerned.
- 3 The term of office for committee members is two years; members will step down after a Prize has been awarded in their own field. This provision shall not apply to the KHMW secretaries.
- 4 The review committee will be officially supported by the Academy's Bureau.
- 5 The review committee is charged with reviewing the nominations based on the selection criteria and submitting to the DJA and the KHMW a recommendation for a candidate to be awarded the Prize, supported by arguments.
- 6 Based on the review committee's recommendation, the boards of the DJA and the KHMW will take a decision regarding the award of the Prize.
- 7 If the review committee's deliberations do not result in the recommendation of a suitable candidate, it may advise the boards of the DJA and KHMW to refrain from awarding a Prize. That will not affect the award of Prizes in alternating fields in subsequent years.

Article 6. Conferral

The Prize will be conferred annually at a mutually coordinated meeting in the autumn, the responsibility for organising which will alternate between the DJA and the KHMW.

Article 7. Changes and unforeseen cases

- 1 These Regulations may be amended at any time by a joint resolution of the DJA and KHMW.
- 2 After consulting one another, the DJA and the KHMW will be authorised to decide any matters not foreseen in these Regulations.

Article 8. Title for purposes of citation and effective date

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the 'Regulations for Awarding the National Postdoc Prize'.
- 2 These Regulations take effect on 10 April 2019 and replace the 'Regulations regarding the National Postdoc Prize' as adopted on 16 April 2018.

These Regulations were adopted by the boards of De Jonge Akademie and the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities on 10 April 2019.