

Regulations for awarding the National Postdoc Prize

Article 1. General

- 1 Starting in 2017, the National Postdoc Prize, to be referred to hereinafter as 'the Prize', will be awarded each year by The Young Academy [*De Jonge Akademie*] and the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities [*Koninklijke Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen*] (to be referred to hereinafter as 'KHMW').
- 2 The Prize is intended to serve as an incentive for postdoc researchers to conduct excellent scientific research that could have a major impact on society.
- 3 The Prize will be awarded on an alternating basis to one postdoc in the social sciences/humanities in one year, and to one postdoc in science/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 science/medicine; in 2018, the Prize will be awarded to a postdoc in the social sciences/humanities, continued 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 Young Academy and the KHMW.

Article 2. Conditions for nomination

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

- The candidate is a researcher who earned a PhD at a Dutch university.
- The candidate received his/her PhD no more than ten years previously.
- The candidate holds a position as a postdoc researcher or an assistant professor at a Dutch university or Dutch research institute.

Article 3. Selection criteria

Candidates are assessed based on the following criteria:

- The candidate conducts excellent research that could have a major impact on society.
- After receiving his/her PhD, the candidate conducted and published his/her research and that publication was of excellent scientific quality.
- The research published offers additional insight into and/or contributes to resolving a societal issue or problem.
- 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 Academy (www.dejongeakademie.nl). The form must be sent to dja@knaw.nl before the deadline set by The Young Academy 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 with the nomination form:
- a description of the research conducted and the scientific perspective that research offers;
 - evidence of the societal impact of the research;
 - evidence of the candidate's dissemination of the scientific insights in society;
 - one or more scholarly publications about the research conducted;
 - 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 Young Academy and the KHMW will appoint a review committee consisting of The Young Academy members and/or alumni.
- 2 The review committee will consist of four members, two representing the social sciences/humanities and two representing science/medicine, complemented with a technical chairperson alternately provided by The Young Academy and the KHMW, and an additional KHMW-member in the years that the technical chair is delivered by The Young Academy.
- 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.
- 4 The review committee will be officially supported by the secretary of The Young Academy.
- 5 The review committee is charged with reviewing the nominations based on the selection criteria and submitting to The Young Academy 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 Young Academy 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 Young Academy 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 the organisation of the conferral will alternate between The Young Academy and the KHMW.

Article 7. Changes and unforeseen cases

- 1 These regulations may be amended at any time by a joint resolution of The Young Academy and KHMW.
- 2 After consulting one another, The Young Academy 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 will enter into effect on 8 May 2017.

Article 9. Versions of these regulations in other languages

The Dutch-language version of these regulations will prevail in cases of doubt as to their meaning.

These regulations were adopted by the boards of The Young Academy and the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities on 8 May 2017.