

RULES and REGULATIONS
L'OREAL– UNESCO FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE
Slovak Republic
2020 EDITION

Please carefully read the eligibility criteria. Some restrictions apply.

1. Introduction

The 4th year of the unique project “For Women in Science” sponsored by L’Oréal and supported by UNESCO has just started. Applications can be submitted by female Slovak scientists, from among which the jury will select two winners who will be awarded 5 000 EUR each. All the required information, including the entry form, is available on this website www.forwomeninscience.com.

Slovak edition of For Women in Science is organized by L’Oréal Slovakia and supported by the Slovak commission of UNESCO, Slovak academy of Science (SAS) and Slovak Organization for Research and Development activities (SOVVA) is open.

Do not hesitate and apply because the world needs science and science needs women!

2. Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility criteria for the scientists participating in the project:

- a) Slovak nationality
- b) Doctoral degree in a doctoral study programme – in the fields of **Life and Chemical sciences** (such as biology, biophysics, genetics, physiology, neurosciences, biotechnologies, ecology etc.) or in **Physical sciences** (such as physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering, technologies, science of the Earth and space etc.).
- c) Relevant research to be implemented in the Slovak Republic.
- d) The award of 5000 EUR to be used to support research in the Slovak Republic
- e) Applicants must be below the age of 45 on March 31, 2020 - closing date of the call for applications. The path to the award is then completely open.
- f) The application form of 3rd year of project *For Women In Science* can be submitted **from 1st January 2020 to 31st March 2020**.

3. Application Form and Supporting Documents

Eligible applicants must provide, **in English**:

- a) A duly completed application form (applications can only be submitted electronically through the online platform: www.forwomeninscience.com)
- b) Copy of Ph.D.

- c) Curriculum vitae in English
- d) Number of publications (Web of Science / Scopus) incl. number of WOS / Scopus quotes
- e) Selection of the most important publications (max.10) including number of quotes for mentioned work and short comment by the applicant in the English language as to the importance of the results published.
- f) Description of the proposed research in the following 12 months after receiving the award, with the maximum scope of 2 pages
- g) Recommendation of a superior researcher or head of the research institution where the project will be implemented (in the English language)
- h) Cover letter – motivational letter with the maximum scope of 1 page in English language
- i) Filled in application form

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: No paper applications are accepted. All applications must be registered online before March 31st 2020.

Selection of winners:

a) Once the last entry form is submitted, the expert jury will start evaluating the projects. In the first round, 12 finalists will be shortlisted and they will present their projects to the jury in June (held in Slovak Academy of Science). Two winners will then be announced and video shoot medallion about their work by the project team "*For women in science*". These two winners will be granted the awards at a gala evening in October 2020.

Selection of successful applicants is made by a panel of scientists from the Slovak Academy of Science and representatives from L'Oréal Slovensko and the Slovak commission of UNESCO.

b) All applications will be examined by a panel comprised of experts from a variety of disciplines in **Life Sciences, Chemical Sciences** and **the Physical sciences**, who will select the best candidates in accordance with the evaluation criteria mentioned below.

c) Deliberations will take place in June 2020 at which time the panel will review and discuss the best applicants for each category. The panel composite from experts from the Slovak Academy of Science, representatives from L'Oréal Slovensko, the Slovak commission of UNESCO and Slovak Organization for Research and Development activities chooses the two winners. Its decision is final and without appeal. It cannot be contested or subject to explanation or justification.

d) The results will be communicated by phone or email to the winners at the end of the deliberation process. The announcement must remain confidential until the official ceremony in September 2020.

5. Obligations of the winners

a) Pursue the research.

- b) Participate to the media training.
- c) Participate in the official ceremony and the various interviews organized in 2020 related the project L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science*.

- e) Keep their announcement confidential until the official ceremony and not to contact the media.

- f) The L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women In Science* winners expressly authorize UNESCO and the L'Oréal Group including all subsidiaries to reproduce, represent and use their Image, in Slovak republic and worldwide, and free of charge for advertising, commercial, promotional, internal and external, communication purposes. These photos, videos and texts will be used as elements of communication pertaining to the history of L'Oréal Group, as well as for the provision of journalistic information of the print and audio-visual media and for the illustration of articles or broadcasts on TV channels, for all formats.

The image of the L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women In Science* winners can be used for promotion of science among the younger generation, particularly young women. A separate written authorization will be signed by each of the winners.

The term "Image" is understood as the full set of attributes of personality encompassing the image, the voice, last name, first name, signature, distinctions and titles. The use of your Image can be accompanied by all texts or legends including summaries or extracts of your thesis.

The payment of the Awards (EUR 5,000 each) will be made by Slovak Organization for Research and Development activities directly to the winners on October 2020, and after having received the necessary original documents for the wire transfer of funds.

Provisional Timetable

- Opening of online platform : 1st January 2020
- Applications closing date: 31st March 2020
- Selection by Jury members : 1st April to 31st May 2020
- Presentations to the Jury : June 2020
- Official Ceremony: October 2020 (Organizer reserves the right to change the date of the Ceremony)