

RULES and REGULATIONS
L'OREAL– UNESCO FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE
Czech Republic - talent programme
2021 EDITION

Please carefully read the eligibility criteria. Some restrictions apply.

1. Introduction

The 15th 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 Czech scientists (or foreign nationality but demonstrably working in Czech science respectively doing research in an institution in Czech republic at least 1 year) doing research in Czech Republic, from among which the jury will select three winners who will be awarded 200 000 CZK each. All the required information, including the entry form, is available on this website www.forwomeninscience.com.

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:

- Doctoral degree in a doctoral study programme in life and chemical sciences (such as biology, biochemistry, biophysics, genetics, physiology, neurosciences, biotechnologies, ecology etc.) or in physical sciences (such as physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering, technologies, information sciences, science of the Earth and space etc.).
- Relevant research to be implemented in the Czech Republic
- The award of 200 000 CZK to be used to support research in the Czech Republic
- Applicants must be below the age of 40 on October 2021.
- **Czech nationality or a foreign nationality, but demonstrably working in Czech science respectively doing research in an institution in the Czech Republic at least 1 year.** The award is intended for research conducted in the Czech Republic in the length of following 1 year.

The path to the award is then completely open. The entry forms of 15th year of project For Women In Science can be submitted **from 7th December 2020 to 28th February 2021.**

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) a copy of Ph.D. degree;

d) professional curriculum vitae (CV)

- c) recommendation of a superior researcher or head of the research institution where the project will be implemented (in the English language)
- d) list of published work and citations in accordance with the Web of Science
- e) list of best published work and a 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, in the English language, with the maximum scope of 2 pages
- g) motivation letter – with the maximum scope of 1 page
- h) **For scientists with foreign nationality:** Prove of employment - confirmation of length of employment in Czech institution.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: No paper applications are accepted. All applications must be registered online before February 28th, 2021.

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 person – the form of the oral presentation and its date will be announced later (depends the current pandemic situation in the country). Three winners will then be announced and video shoot medallion about their work with “For women in science” team. These three winners will be publicly announced or awarded at a gala evening 2021 – the form of the award will be announced later based on the pandemic situation in the country.

Selection of successful applicants is made by a panel of regional scientists, including representatives from the L’Oréal Czech republic and Czech commission of UNESCO.

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

c) Deliberations will take place in the Czech Academy of Science (form and date will be announced later based on the current pandemic situation in the country) at which time the panel will review and discuss the best applicants for each category. The panel of scientists chooses the 3 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 announcement (the form of announcement will be announced later).

5. Commitments

a) Participate to the media training.

b) Pursue the research.

c) Participate in the official events and the various interviews organized in 2021 around the “*For Women in Science*”.

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

f) The L’Oréal UNESCO For Women In Science winners agree to be photographed, filmed and interviewed for non-commercial objectives and For Women in Science program-related purposes. These photos, videos and texts will be used in publications and audiovisual media including but not limited to written press, television, internet, outdoor display, corporate publications, exhibitions, in Czech republic and worldwide.

The image of the L’Oréal UNESCO For Women In Science 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 payment of the Awards (CZK 200,000 each) will be made by agency (a tripartite contract) directly to the winners after the official announcement, and after having received the necessary original documents for the wire transfer of funds.

Provisional Timetable

- Opening of online platform: 7st December 2020
- Applications closing date: 28th February 2021
- Selection by juries: 1st March to 31st March 2021
- Oral presentation: not determined yet (TBC)
- Official Announcement/Ceremony: not determined yet (TBC)