



# 2026 L'Oréal - UNESCO International Awards

**Life and Environmental Sciences  
Call for Nominations  
May 12<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



**The Fondation L'Oréal and UNESCO  
invite you to nominate eminent women scientists for the  
2026 L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science  
International Awards.**

**The 2026 International Awards will honour five outstanding researchers in Life and Environmental Sciences, each working in one of the following regions:** Africa and the Arab States; Asia and the Pacific; Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; North America.

**The five laureates will be selected by an international jury for their exceptional contribution to scientific advancement** and will be awarded during the International Awards Ceremony, to be held in June 2026 in Paris (date tbc).

Each of the Laureates will receive €100,000.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- The candidate must be recognized for her scientific excellence by the international scientific community
- Be actively involved in scientific research
- Be involved in any field of Life and Environmental Sciences.
- One candidate will be selected for each of the five regions, the determining factor being the place of work for at least 10 years, not the nationality of the candidate.

### **Selection Criteria**

- The candidate's outstanding contribution to the advancement of science,
- The impact of the candidate's research work on the current state of her scientific field (number, quality and impact of publications, conference presentations, patents...),
- The recognition of the candidate by peers within her discipline through publications,
- The recognition of the candidate's commitment to education, teaching activities, mentoring and/or to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals more broadly.

### **Multiple Nominations & Re-Nominations**

You can nominate several candidates or re-nominate a candidate you presented in the past by updating the applications in the platform.

### **Submissions**

In order to nominate a candidate, please follow the registration procedure on the *For Women in Science* platform accessible at: <https://www.forwomeninscience.com/authority/international-awards>. From the website, you will be able to upload all the necessary documents in order to submit the nomination.

### **Deadline**

The nomination files must be submitted by July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (France GMT/UTC + 2h). Only completed nominations received through the platform by this deadline will be considered.

## **About the L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Program**

Since 1998, the L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Program has recognized and celebrated eminent women in science throughout the world. To date, the L'Oréal-UNESCO partnership has awarded 137 eminent women at the height of their scientific careers and supported more than 4500 promising young women scientists at doctoral and postdoctoral level in more than 140 countries and territories.



The International Awards are presented in alternate years to women researchers either in life and environmental sciences or in physical sciences, mathematics and computer science.

Seven of our Laureates received a Nobel Prize in their fields of expertise: Christine Nusslein-Volhard, Elizabeth Blackburn and Katalin Kariko in Physiology or Medicine; Ada Yonath, Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer Doudna in Chemistry; Anne L'Huillier in Physics.

*We thank you for your active participation in nominating the world's top female researchers to highlight their outstanding contributions to the world of tomorrow.*

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