

RULES and REGULATIONS
L'OREAL– UNESCO FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE
Slovak Republic
2021 EDITION

Please carefully read the eligibility criteria. Some restrictions apply.

1. Introduction

The 5th 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 or foreign nationality but demonstrably working in Slovak science institution respectively doing research in Slovak Republic, 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 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 **or a foreign nationality, but demonstrably working in Slovak science respectively doing research in an institution in the Slovak Republic at least 1 year**. The award is intended for research conducted in the Slovak Republic in the length of following 1 year.
- b) Doctoral degree (PhD.) 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 woman researcher in the Slovak Republic. Can be used directly or indirectly.
- e) Applicants must be up to age 45 (latest on May 31, 2021) - closing date of the call for applications.

The path to the award is then completely open. The application form of 5th year of project *For Women In Science* can be submitted **from 1st April 2021 to 31st May 2021**.

3. Application Form and Supporting Documents

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

A duly completed application form (applications can only be submitted electronically through the online platform) on: www.forwomeninscience.com

- a) Copy of Ph.D.
- b) Curriculum vitae in English
- c) Number of publications (Web of Science / Scopus) incl. number of WOS / Scopus quotes
- d) 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.
- e) Description of the proposed research in the following 12 months after receiving the award, with the maximum scope of 2 pages
- f) Recommendation of a superior researcher or head of the research institution where the project will be implemented (in the English language)
- g) Motivation letter – motivational letter with the maximum scope of 1 page in English language
- h) **For scientists with foreign nationality:** Prove of employment - confirmation of length of employment in Slovak institution.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: No paper applications are accepted. **All applications must be registered online before May 31st, 2021.**

Selection of winners:

- a) If the oral presentation is allowed in the country: 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). Two winners will then be announced and video shoot medallion about their work with “For women in science” team. These two 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.
 - If the restrictions due to pandemic situation continue and oral presentation is not allowed in the country: Once the last entry form is submitted, the expert jury will start evaluating the projects from which two winners will emerge and will then be announced and video shoot medallion about their work by the project team “*For women in science*”. These two winners will be announced to media no later than October 2021.

Selection of successful applicants is made by a panel of scientists from the Slovak Academy of Science. Later, at the oral presentation are presents also representatives from L’Oréal Slovakia 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.

The results will be communicated by phone or email to the finalists respective winners at the end of the deliberation process. The announcement must remain confidential until the official Announcement of the laureates that will be no later than October 2021.

5. Obligations of the winners

a) Continue in the research.

b) Participate to the media training.

c) Participate in the official ceremony and the various interviews organized in 2021/2022 related the project *L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science*.

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

e) 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 after having received the necessary original documents for the wire transfer of funds, latest on December 2021.

Provisional Timetable

- Opening of online platform: 1st April 2021
- Applications closing date: 31st May 2021
- Evaluation by Jury members: 1st June to 31st July 2021
- Oral presentation: not determined yet (TBC)
- Official Announcement/Ceremony: not determined yet (TBC)