

**RULES and REGULATIONS**  
**L'OREAL– UNESCO FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE**  
**Czech Republic talent programme**  
**2019/2020 EDITION**

Please carefully read the eligibility criteria. Some restrictions apply.

### **1. Introduction**

The 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 2020.
- **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. (updated: 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2020)

The path to the award is then completely open. The entry forms of 14<sup>th</sup> year of project For Women In Science can be submitted **from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 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](http://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:** confirmation of length of employment in Czech institution. (updated 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2020)

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: No paper applications are accepted. All applications must be registered online before February 28th, 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 person in April (month may change). Three winners will then be announced and video shoot medallion about their work with “For women in science” team. These three winners will be granted the awards at a gala evening in June 2020 (month may change).

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 April 2020 (month may change) 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 ceremony in June 2020.

#### **5. Commitments**

a) Participate to the media training.

b) Pursue the research.

c) Participate in the official ceremony and the various interviews organized in 2020 around the *"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 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 directly to the winners after the official ceremony, and after having received the necessary original documents for the wire transfer of funds.

### **Provisional Timetable**

- Opening of online platform : 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019
- Applications closing date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- Selection by juries : 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020
- Oral presentation : 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- Official Ceremony: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (may change)