



KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSE AKADEMIE VAN WETENSCHAPPEN

Regulations M.W. Beijerinck Virology Prize

Article 1: General provisions

- 1 The M.W. Beijerinck Virology Prize (hereafter: the Prize), established in 1965 in memory of virologist M.W. Beijerinck (1851-1931), is awarded to an internationally recognised researcher in the field of virology in the broadest sense of the word.
- 2 The Prize is awarded every two years.
- 3 The Prize consists of a medal engraved with the image of M.W. Beijerinck and a monetary award of 35,000 euros (in words: thirty-five thousand euros), to be spent at the laureate's discretion.
- 4 The Prize is made available by the M.W. Beijerinck-Virology Fund, which is administered by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW).

Article 2: Conditions for nomination

The Prize is intended for internationally recognised researchers who:

- have made a groundbreaking contribution to research in the field of virology in the broadest sense of the word
- have an appointment at a university or research institute in the Netherlands or elsewhere.

Article 3: Nomination

- 1 Each of the following individuals or institutions may nominate candidates for the Prize:
 - Members of the KNAW
 - Boards of management and deans of universities in the Netherlands
 - Directors of research institutes in the Netherlands
 - Individual professors from universities in the Netherlands and elsewhere
 - Academies and other scientific and scholarly institutions in the Netherlands and elsewhere
- 2 Nominations must be provided in Dutch or English and must be submitted by email using the designated nomination form along with the requested attachments. A nomination is considered to have been submitted when the nominator receives confirmation of receipt from the KNAW.
- 3 The form must be submitted before the deadline set by the KNAW.
Nominations that have not been submitted by the stated deadline will not be considered.
- 4 Members of the KNAW Board and members of the advisory committee may not submit nominations, either individually or jointly, and may not be nominated as candidates.

Article 4: Advisory committee's task, composition and procedures

- 1 The KNAW Board will appoint an advisory committee. The advisory committee's task is to assess the nominations for the Prize and to make a recommendation to the KNAW Board concerning the award of the Prize.
- 2 The advisory committee will consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of five members, including the chairperson. The advisory committee members will be appointed for a four-year period. The advisory committee's chairperson will be appointed to that position and must be a member of the KNAW.
- 3 The advisory committee will consist of experts in the field of virology.
- 4 All decisions by the advisory committee will be taken by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the chairperson will decide.
- 5 Advisory committee members must adhere to the KNAW Conflicts of Interest Code of Conduct relating to Prizes, Memberships and Funding [*Gedragscode belangenverstrengeling prijzen, lidmaatschappen en subsidies*].
- 6 The KNAW will appoint an executive secretary to assist the advisory committee.



Article 5: Assessment criteria

- 1 Candidates who have been nominated for the Prize will be assessed according to the following criteria:
 - a. The quality of their research, quality being measured by the following criteria:
 - their contribution to virology, specifically their contribution to groundbreaking research or groundbreaking publications in the field of virology;
 - their importance as keynote speakers at international scientific conferences;
 - their membership of juries, review committees, editorial boards of science journals, science academies or other organisations and the importance of such memberships; and
 - marks of recognition they have received from the scientific community, including science prizes and funding awards.
 - b. The extent to which they support young researchers and the extent to which their work encourages young researchers' research, both now and in the future.
- 2 The advisory committee will prepare a report on its assessment, including its reasons for selecting the candidate it is recommending. The advisory committee will submit the assessment report containing its recommendation to the KNAW Board.

Article 6: Award and award ceremony

- 1 Based on the advisory committee's recommendation for the award of the Prize, the KNAW Board will appoint the laureate.
- 2 The award ceremony usually takes place during the Dutch Annual Virology Symposium.

Article 7: Concluding provisions

- 1 The present regulations were adopted by the Board of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences on 17 August 2020.
- 2 In any circumstance not provided for by these regulations, the KNAW Board will decide.