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Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings Academy selection procedure and guidelines

General

The [Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings](#) (hereafter referred to as the Lindau Meetings) were founded in 1951 by the Lindau Council & Foundation with the aim of transferring knowledge between generations of scientists, strengthening international networks and inspiring both young scientists and Nobel Laureates. The annual Lindau Meetings with dozens of Nobel Laureates and hundreds of young scientific talents from around the world take place in Lindau, Germany, alternating between the fields of chemistry, physics and physiology/medicine. Every five years there is an interdisciplinary round and every three years there is a meeting devoted to economic sciences. The multi-day programme includes lectures by Nobel Laureates, plenary discussions, thematic workshops and social events.

The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) has been a partner of the Lindau Meetings since 2005. The Academy nominates up to seven candidates per year for submission to the Lindau Council, which makes the final selection for participation. In a year when there is also a meeting in the field of economic sciences, the Academy nominates up to three candidates for this meeting for submission to the Lindau Council. The Academy contributes up to €1,250 per participant in participation fees. The Academy pays this contribution directly to the Lindau Council. The Academy does not reimburse the travel expenses of participants.

For whom

Three categories of young researchers can participate in the Lindau Meetings:

- Bachelor students
- Master students and PhD students
- Postdocs

The researchers should:

- a. be affiliated to, but *must not have a permanent appointment at*, a university or research institution in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- b. be fluent in English;
- c. not be older than 35 on the dates of the Lindau Meetings;
- d. not have previously participated in the Lindau Meetings;
- e. regarding the category of Bachelor students: have experience of scientific practice/laboratory work;
- f. regarding the Postdocs category: postdoctoral experience of a maximum of five years, but preferably have two to three years of experience after obtaining their PhD.

Nomination

The following persons can nominate young researchers to participate in the Lindau Meetings (up to two young researchers per person):

- a. full professors, associate professors and assistant professors at a university in the Netherlands;
- b. directors and researchers at a scientific institute in the Netherlands.

Nominations must be submitted in English by e-mail using the nomination form provided by the Academy and the requested attachments. A nomination is considered to have been submitted when the nominator receives confirmation of receipt from the Academy.

The nomination form with the requested attachments must be sent before the deadline set by the Academy to wetenschapsfondsen@knaaw.nl. Nominations that have not been submitted by that date will not be considered.



Members of the Academy Board and the members of the selection committee of the Lindau Meetings may not submit (or co-submit) nominations and cannot be nominated as candidates.

Selection Committee

The Academy Board will appoint a selection committee whose task is to review nominations for the Lindau Meetings and make a nomination for participation on behalf of the Board for submission to the Lindau Council. The selection committee will consist of three members, including the chairperson. The members will be appointed by the Academy Board for a single round of assessment. The chairperson of the jury will be appointed and will be an Academy member. The jury will consist of members of the Academy and members and alumni of The Young Academy.

All decisions of the selection committee will be taken by a majority of votes cast. Section committee members must adhere to the Academy Code of Conduct governing conflicts of interest for awards, memberships and funding. The Academy will appoint an official secretary to assist the selection committee.

Assessment criteria

Nominated candidates for the Lindau Meetings will be assessed by the selection committee on the basis of the following assessment criteria:

- a. scientific quality and merit, e.g. outstanding contributions in their field, evidenced by the CV and recommendation of their scientific supervisor and/or an internationally renowned scientist;
- b. motivation and commitment to science and research, evidenced by the CV and recommendation of their scientific supervisor and/or an internationally renowned scientist;
- c. notable extracurricular activities.

In addition for the category of Master students and PhD students:

- the quality of the candidate's own research evidenced by publications, presentations at conferences and/or research funding/awards.

In addition for the Postdocs category:

- the quality of the candidate's own publications of results, preferably the candidate's own research in refereed journals and as first or final and/or corresponding author;
- presentations of their work at international scientific meetings, preferably as invited lecturer.

Participation and publicity

The Lindau Council will select the final participants from the candidates nominated by the Academy and will inform the Academy of this selection. The Academy will contribute to communications about the participation of Academy-nominated participants and about the Lindau Meetings.