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KNAW Early Career Award Regulations

Article 1. General

- 1 The KNAW Early Career Award (hereafter: “the Award”) was established by the Academy in 2019 to recognise talented researchers at the start of their careers who are considered capable of developing and pursuing innovative and original research ideas.
- 2 A maximum of twelve awards will be presented annually, with a maximum of three awards in each of the four Academy domains, taking into account the spread across disciplines within the domains:
 - Behavioural Sciences, Social Sciences and Law
 - Humanities
 - Medical, Biomedical and Health Sciences
 - Natural Sciences and Engineering
- 3 The Award will consist of a work of art and a sum of € 15,000 (in words: fifteen thousand euros) that recipients may use at their discretion for the benefit of their own research career.
- 4 The Awards will be financed from the Academy Fund.

Article 2. Conditions for nomination

Nominees for the Award are talented researchers who:

- are considered capable of developing and pursuing innovative and original research ideas.
- in the year of nomination obtained their PhD at least three and at most seven years ago, with the [Academy extension arrangement](#) being applicable.
- hold a position at a university or research institute in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Article 3. Nomination

- 1 The following are eligible to nominate candidates:
 - members of the Academy;
 - members of The Young Academy;
 - full professors at universities in the Netherlands;
 - directors of research institutes in the Netherlands.
- 2 Each nominator may nominate no more than one candidate per nomination round.
- 3 Nominations must be submitted in Dutch or English by e-mail using the nomination form provided by the Academy and the requested appendices. A nomination is considered to have been submitted when the nominator receives confirmation of receipt from the Academy.
- 4 The nomination form with the requested appendices must be sent to wetenschapsfondsen@knaw.nl before the deadline imposed by the Academy. Nominations that have not been submitted by this date will not be considered.
- 5 Members of the Academy Board and the members of the Award jury may not submit (or co-submit) nominations.
- 6 (Employees/researchers of) Academy institutes may not be nominated for a KNAW Early Career Award.

Article 4. Task, composition and working method of the jury

- 1 Every Academy domain board will appoint a jury with the task of assessing nominations for the Award for the domain in question and submitting a substantiated final list of candidates for the Award to the Academy Board.



- 2 A jury will consist of three Academy members, including the chair. The members will be appointed by the domain board for two selection rounds. The chair will be appointed.
- 3 All decisions of the jury will be taken by a majority of votes cast.
- 4 Jury members must adhere to the Academy Code of Conduct Governing Conflicts of Interest for Awards, Memberships and Funding.
- 5 The Academy will appoint an official secretary to assist the jury.

Article 5. Assessment criteria

- 1 Assessment of the candidates proposed for the Award will take place on the basis of the following criteria:
 - After receiving a PhD, the candidate must have performed own work of excellent scientific quality;
 - The candidate is considered capable of developing and pursuing innovative and original research ideas;
 - Other qualities and achievements, for example a stimulating role for other young researchers, activities related to societal impact, including science communication and public engagement, and/or significant contributions to academic education
- 2 The jury of the domain in question will draw up an assessment report containing a substantiation of the choice of the candidate/candidates. The assessment report will be submitted to the Academy Board as the jury nomination for the domain in question.

Article 6. Award and presentation

- 1 The Academy Board will decide on the basis of the nomination of the four juries about the award.
- 2 The Award will be presented by the President of the Academy or by a deputy designated by the President.
- 3 The Award will be presented during a meeting convened for this purpose by the Academy.
- 4 Within twelve months of the presentation of the Award, each Award laureate must send the Academy domain board in question a brief description of the way in which the sum of money associated with the Award has been spent on the recipient's research career.

Article 7. Final provisions

- 1 These regulations were adopted at the meeting of the Academy Board on 18 February 2020 and will come into force as of 1 April 2020.
- 2 In any circumstance not provided for by these Regulations, the Academy Board will decide.