



Regulations Beijerinck Premium

Article 1: General provisions

- 1 The Beijerinck Premium (hereafter: the Premium), established in 2002, is intended for talented early-career researchers who are conducting outstanding virus-related research and in doing so set an example for other young virologists.
- 2 The Premium is awarded annually.
- 3 The Premium consists of a monetary award of 25,000 euros (in words: twenty-five thousand euros), to be spent on virus-related research, including working visits and conferences abroad.
- 4 The Premium 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

- 1 Candidates must perform virus-related research at a Dutch research institution.
- 2 Candidates must have obtained their PhD three to eight years prior to the Premium being awarded. This period is subject to the [Academy Extension Arrangement](#).

Article 3: Nomination

- 1 The following individuals may nominate candidates for the Premium:
 - members of the Academy and The Young Academy
 - deans of faculties at universities in the Netherlands
 - professors at universities in the Netherlands
 - directors of research institutes in the Netherlands
- 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 Academy.
- 3 The form must be submitted before the deadline set by the Academy. Nominations that have not been submitted by the stated deadline will not be considered.
- 4 Members of the Academy 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 Academy Board will appoint an advisory committee. Among the advisory committee's tasks is the assessment of the nominations for the Premium and to make a recommendation to the Academy Board concerning the award of the Premium.
- 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 Academy.
- 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 Academy Conflicts of Interest Code of Conduct relating to Prizes, Memberships and Funding [*Gedragcode belangenverstrengeling prijzen, lidmaatschappen en subsidies*].
- 6 The Academy will appoint an executive secretary to assist the advisory committee.



Article 5: Assessment criteria

- 1 Candidates who have been nominated for the Premium will be assessed according to the following criteria:
 - original virus-related post-doctoral research of outstanding scientific quality
 - other attributes and marks of recognition of relevance to science
 - the extent to which their scientific work sets an example for young researchers
 - the way in which the candidate wants to help further the development of the research field
 - the ideas of the candidate for outreach.
- 2 The advisory committee will prepare a report on its assessment, including its reasons for selecting the candidate. The advisory committee will submit the assessment report containing its recommendation to the Academy Board.

Article 6: Award and award ceremony

- 1 Based on the advisory committee's recommendation for the award of the Premium, the Academy 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 30 August 2021.
- 2 In any circumstance not provided for by these regulations, the Academy Board will decide.