



# KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSE AKADEMIE VAN WETENSCHAPPEN

## Regulations for Heineken Prizes for Arts and Sciences

### *Article 1 General*

- 1 The Heineken Prizes for Arts and Sciences (the Heineken Prizes) were established between 1963 and 2006 by various Heineken funds and the Academy and have been made available by the Alfred Heineken Fondsen Foundation since 2019. The Heineken Prizes are:
  - Dr. H.P. Heineken Prize for Biochemistry and Biophysics (including microbiology and the physiology of seed germination)
  - Dr. A.H. Heineken Prize for History
  - Dr. A.H. Heineken Prize for Medicine
  - Dr. A.H. Heineken Prize for Environmental Sciences
  - C.L. de Carvalho-Heineken Prize for Cognitive Sciences
- 2 The Heineken Prizes are awarded once every two years.
- 3 The Heineken Prizes each consist of an amount of US\$ 200,000 (in words: two hundred thousand US dollars).

### *Article 2: Conditions for nomination*

Candidates eligible for nomination for the Heineken Prizes are those who:

- are excellent, internationally recognised scientists;
- are active scientists whose scientific work still holds considerable promise;
- have an appointment at a university or research institute in the Netherlands or elsewhere.

### *Article 3: Nomination*

- 1 The following are eligible to nominate candidates for the Heineken Prizes:
  - Members of the Academy;
  - 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 or scholarly institutions in the Netherlands and elsewhere;
  - The board of the Dutch Network of Women Professors (Landelijk Netwerk Vrouwelijke Hoogleraren).
- 2 Nominations must be submitted in English and by e-mail using the nomination form provided by the Academy and accompanied by the requested appendices. A nomination is considered to have been submitted when the nominator receives confirmation of receipt from the Academy.
- 3 The nomination form with the requested appendices must be sent before the closing date set by the Academy to [hp@knaw.nl](mailto:hp@knaw.nl). If the nomination has not been submitted before this date, the nomination will not be processed.
- 4 Academy Board members and members of the juries of the Heineken Prizes may not submit nominations jointly or individually and may not be nominated as candidates.

### *Article 4: Task, composition and working method of the jury*

- 1 The Academy Board shall appoint a jury for each Heineken Prize, tasked with assessing the nominations for the Prize and submitting a nomination for the award to the Academy Board.
- 2 Each jury shall consist of a minimum of seven and a maximum of nine members, including the chair. The members shall be appointed by the Academy Board for a maximum of three rounds of selection. The chair of the jury shall be appointed by the Academy Board and shall be a member of the Academy.
- 3 Each jury shall consist of a maximum of four international experts and a minimum of one member/alumnus of The Young Academy.
- 4 Jury members (apart from the chair) shall be nominated for appointment by the chair to the Academy Board.



- 5 A shortlist of candidates for the Heineken Prizes shall be drawn up at the first meeting of each jury. The juries then obtain referee reports on the candidates on the shortlist. At the second meeting of the jury, the proposed laureates for the Heineken Prizes are selected.
- 6 The chair of the board of the Alfred Heineken Fondsen Foundation may attend the meetings of the jury as an observer.
- 7 In all votes taken by the juries, the decision will be made by a simple majority of votes.
- 8 The members of the juries are bound by the Code of Conduct on Conflicts of Interest for Prizes, Memberships and Grants awarded by the Academy.
- 9 The Academy shall make an official secretary available to each jury.

#### *Article 5: Assessment criteria*

- 1 The candidates nominated for the Heineken Prizes shall be assessed by the juries according to the following criteria:
  - a. Internationally recognised scientific quality of the candidate, that quality being determined on the basis of the criteria commonly used to assess quality in the candidate's field of expertise, including (but not limited to):
    - the candidate's contribution to the development of her/his field of expertise, with particular regard to the candidate's contribution to cutting-edge research or publications;
    - memberships of national and international juries, visitation committees, scientific editorial boards, scientific academies or other relevant organisations;
    - national and international scientific recognition, including scientific prizes and grants awarded to the candidate;
    - other qualities, such as the way in which the candidate inspires young researchers, her/his contribution to knowledge valorisation and scientific communication.
  - b. The extent to which the candidate's scientific work holds significant promise for the future.
  - c. Besides the criteria set out in a. and b. above, the following additional criteria shall apply to individual prizes:
    - For the Dr. A.H. Heineken Prize for Medicine: the candidate is credited with an achievement that has led or is expected to lead to important applications in medicine.
    - For the Dr. A.H. Heineken Prize for Environmental Sciences: the candidate conducts research from the perspective of the natural sciences, the technical sciences or the humanities and social sciences.
    - For the C.L. de Carvalho-Heineken Prize for Cognitive Sciences: the candidate has made a cross-disciplinary contribution to our knowledge and understanding of the mechanisms and processes that underpin the cognitive functions of humans and animals.
- 2 The jury will prepare a report on the assessment, including the grounds for selecting the candidates. The assessment report shall be submitted to the Academy Board as the nomination of the relevant jury.

#### *Article 6: Award and presentation*

- 1 The Academy Board shall decide on the award of the Heineken Prizes on the basis of the nominations of the juries.
- 2 The Heineken Prizes shall be awarded by the chair of the board of the Alfred Heineken Fondsen Foundation or a substitute designated by the chair.
- 3 The Heineken Prizes shall be presented during a meeting convened by the Academy for this purpose.

#### *Article 7 Final provisions*

- 1 These Regulations were adopted by the Academy Board on 16 April 2019 and replace the regulations amended by the Academy Board on 19 June 2017.
- 2 These Regulations take effect on 1 May 2019.
- 3 In any cases not provided for in these Regulations, the Academy Board will decide.