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The Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, pursuant the Law no. 04L-135 for Scientific-Research Activity and based on the action plan of the National Science Program (2010-2015), whose validity has been extended according to ref. no. 49/01B, dated: 10.03.2016.

 Announces

**COMPETITION**

**For allocation of the annual award**

**Scientist of the year 2023**

**New Scientist of the year 2023**

The Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation has created a fund for annual awards for outstanding scientific-research results within a one-year period (scientific results from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023).

These awards aim to promote quality in scientific work, encourage career advancement and reward the efforts and dedication of scientific researchers who are in the process of advancing their knowledge in the relevant field of expertise. This year, 1 (one) prize will be awarded for "Scientist of the year 2023" and 1 (one) prize for "New Scientist of the year 2023".

**Application criteria**

Kosovar scientists of any scientific discipline who have proven high results of scientific-research work can apply.

Within the necessary application criteria, the candidate must:

* be citizen of the Republic of Kosova;
* submit an easily verifiable list with active links of all scientific achievements (including DOI for scientific articles) within the specified period clearly indicating the prize for which the application is made;
* submit physical copies of the achievements from the previous point;
* submit (3) recommendations from other scientists and one from the scientific research institution;
* submit a CV;
* submit notarized photocopies of the doctoral degree (and certification of nostrification if applicable);
* have published at least two scientific papers (one paper for the young scientist) as the first author in journals with an impact factor, published in the Scopus, SCIE, SSCI, AHCI databases that are in the quarter ) Q1 or Q2 within the defined period;
* for the new scientist award, the candidate must be under 35 years of age on the closing day of the competition.

After fulfilling the necessary conditions, priority as a scientific achievement is given to the candidate who has:

* participated in international conferences as an honorary speaker in plenary sessions;
* has lead research projects;
* has published scientific monograph with ISBN;
* has published approved university texts;
* has successfully completed mentoring of PhD students.

**Funding that has been made available**

The "Scientist of the Year 2023" award includes a reward of 4000 euros to support the continuation of their research work and to encourage the award winners to engage in new research initiatives.

The "New Scientist of the Year 2023" award includes a reward of 2000 euros and will be awarded on an annual basis to 1 (one) early-career scientist and to encourage award winners to engage in new research initiatives.

The competition remains open from: 05.03.2024 until 29.03.2024.

The completed documentation is submitted to MESTI's archive, office no. 4, whereas for additional information you can refer to the contact officer at MESTI, Mr. Fidan Kozhani, fidan.kozhani@rks-gov.net in office 302 b, 3rd floor.

The application must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Application for the award "Scientist of the Year, 2023" or "New Scientist of the Year 2023" to the address: Street: “Agim Ramadani nn , 10000 Prishtina, Kosova.

In addition, an electronic version (USB) of the application must be submitted together with the final documentation within the above-mentioned dates.

Incomplete documents will not be reviewed by the commission.