

Rules of the competition for the Polish-German Young Researcher Prize for German scientists involved in cooperation with Poland

The rules have been drawn up for the second edition of the competition whose territorial reach is limited to the following German federal states: North Rhine-Westphalia, Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate and the Saarland. In the future, basing on experiences from former editions, the organizers will consider the possibility to modify the formula of the competition by extending its territorial reach to the remaining German federal states.

The competition is intended for young researchers who have not reached the age of 30 by the deadline for submitting applications.

The founders of the Prize are: the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN) and the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Cologne.

The Prize is awarded to a young researcher who has already acquired the master's degree or to a PhD student who either in his or her master's thesis or in an advanced PhD thesis or in an advanced research project being currently under realization:

- has been investigating an issue that concerns Poland as far as the choice of the subject is concerned or an issue that remains in a territorial connection with Poland;
- has already started or intends to start in the nearest future cooperation with a Polish university or a Polish research institution;
- has applied methodology developed by Polish research institutions in his or her research;
- has been making use of results of research carried out by Polish research institutions or by individual Polish researchers;
- has already started cooperation with a PAN-research institute, which has been documented by an advanced scientific bilateral cooperation program.

The scope of the Prize is not limited to any particular branch or field of science. The Prize may be awarded for research conducted in any of them, however under the condition that the research activity of the candidate has involved partnership or another kind of participation of Polish science either with regard to its subject, methodology or the way the research is organized and carried out.

The winner of the competition will be selected by a Jury comprising four to six representatives of the Polish Academy of Sciences and of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Cologne.

The administrative tasks necessary to carry out the competition are performed by the Polish Academy of Sciences.

The competition is advertised - on behalf of the organizers - by universities located in the following German federal states: North Rhine-Westphalia, Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate and the Saarland.

The universities and the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Cologne are responsible for making the preliminary selection of the applications received and checking whether all the formal requirements have been met.

The Jury may ask an expert for a scientific opinion about any application.

The winner of the competition receives the sum of EUR 1 500 and a 7-day stay at the institute of the PAN he or she is free to choose. The visit is to be realized in the first half of 2012.

The conditions of the competition will be made public by the universities not later than on June 15, 2011.

Application forms, accompanied by the necessary attachments and an opinion on the applicant`s research achievements, prepared by an independent scientist, shall be submitted online in English to Tomasz.Badowski@msz.gov.pl before September 30, 2011. If there is any specific documentation of the research (not necessarily in English), the applicant may submit it as well.

The winner of the competition will be announced on December 15, 2011.